ANNO XXVI.

HENRICI

VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE seſſion of this preſente parlyament holden vpon prorogation at Weſtm̃, the .III. daye of Nouembre, in the .XXVI. yere of the reygne of our mooſte dread ſoueraigne lorde kynge HENRY the VIII, and there continued and kepte tyll the, XVIII, day of Decẽber nexte inſuynge.

To the honor of god, and for the cõmon weale and profite of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

[1543]

THE TABLE.

An act concerning the kinges hyghnes to be supreme heed of the churche of England, and to haue auctorite to reforme & redresse al errours, heresies, and abuses in the same. cap.i.

An acte ratifienge the othe that euery of the kynges subiectes hath taken and shall hereafter be bounde to take for due obseruation of the acte made for the surete of the succession of the kynges hyghnes in the crowne of the realme. capit.ii.

An acte concerninge the payment of firste fruites of all dygnities, benefices, and promotions spirituall, and also concernynge one annuel pension of the.x.parte of al the possessions of the churche spiritual & temporal, graũted to the kynges hyghnes and his heyres. ca.iii.

An act for punyshement of periury of iurours in the lordeships marchers in wales. capi.iiii.

An act that kepers of feries on the water of Seuerne, shal not conuey in theyr fery botes any maner of person goodes or cattals after the sonne goinge downe, till the sonne be vp. cap. v.

An acte that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordeshyp marcher in wales shalbe enquired of at the sessions holden within the shire groundes nexte adioyninge, with many good orders for ministration of Justice there to be had. capi. vi.

An acte for amendynge of high wayes in Sussex. cap. vii.

An act for ỹ reedifieng of voide groũdes in the citie of Norwich. ca. viii.

An act for reedifieng of voyde groũdes within the towne of Lynne. ca.ix.

An acte wherby the kynges highnes hath auctoritie to repelle the statute made for restreynte of wynes to come in afore candelmas. ca.x.

An acte for punishement of welshemen attemptynge any assawtes or affrayes vpon any thinhabitauntes of Herff. Glouc. and Shropshire. cap. xi.

An acte for purgation of conuictes in wales. cap.xii.

An act wherby dyuers offences be made highe treason, and takinge away al sayntuaries for all maner of highe treasons. ca.xiii.

An acte for nompnation and consecration of suffragans within this realme. cap.xiiii.

An act for taking away certayne exactions taken within the archedeconry of Richemonde by spirituall men. ca.xv.

An acte for makyng of worstedes in the citie of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lyne and Yermouthe. cap.xvi.

An acte that no fermors of spirituall persons shal be compelled or charged to paye for their leassours firste fruites or peres pension of the.x. graunted to the kynges hyghnes. cap. xvii.

An acte concernynge the kynges generalle and free pardon graunted by his hyghnes, cap.xviii.

FINIS TABVLE.

¶An acte concernynge the kynges hyghnes to be supreme heed of the churche of Englande, and to haue auctoritie to reformne and redresse all errours, heresies, and abuses in the same. Cap. i.

ALbeit the kynges maiestie iustely and rightefully is and oweth to be supreme heed of the churche of Englande, and so is recognised by the clergie of this realme in their Conuocations, yet neuertheles for corroboration & confirmation therof, and for encreace of vertue in Christis religion within this realme of Englande, & to represse and extirpe al errours heresies & other enormities and abuses heretofore vsed in the same: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the kynge our souerayne lorde, his heyres and successours, kynges of this realme, shall be taken accepted & reputed the onely supreme heed in erthe of the churche of Englande, called *Anglicana Ecclesia*, And shall haue & enioy annexed and vnited to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as well the tytle & stile therof, as all honours, dignities, preeminences, iurisdictions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profites, & cõmodities to the sayde dignitie of supreme heed of the same churche belonginge & appertayninge. And that our sayd souerayne lorde his heires & successours kinges of this realme, shall haue ful power and auctoritie from time to tyme to visite represse redresse reforme order correcte restrayne and amende all such errours, heresies, abuses, offences, contemptis, and enormyties, what so euer they be, whiche by any maner spirituall auctoritie or iurisdiction ought or maye lawfully be reformed, represſed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrayned or amended, most to the pleasure of almyghty god, the encrese of vertue of Christis religion, & for the conseruation of the pece vnitie & tranquillitie of this realme, any vsage, custom, forein lawes, forein auctoritie, prescription, or any other thing or thinges to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge.

¶An acte ratifienge the othe that euery of the kinges subiectis hath taken & shal hereafter be bound to take for due obseruation of the acte made for the suretie of the succession of the kinges hyghnes in the crowne of the realme. Capit. ii.

WHere at the last session of this present parliament, in the acte than made for the establisshemente of the Succession of the heires of the kinges highnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, It is conteyned amonges other thinges, that al and singuler the kynges subiectes, as well the nobles spiritual and temporall, as other, shoulde make and take a corporall othe whan so euer it shulde please the kinges maiestie, or his heires, to appoy that they shulde truely, firmely, and constantely without fraude or

gyle obserue fulfyll mainteine defende and kepe to their cunning wyt and vttermoſt of theyr powers, the hole effectes & contentes of the ſayd act, as in the ſame act amonges other thinges moze plainely appereth. And at the day of the laſt prozogation of this preſent parliament, as well the nobles ſpyrituall & tempozall, as other the commons of this preſent parliament than aſſembled in the hygh houſe of the parlyament, moſt louyngly accepted & toke ſuche othe as then was deuiſed in wryting foz maintenance & defence of the ſayde acte, and ment & entended at that tyme, that euerye other the kynges ſubiectes ſhuld be bounde to accept and take the ſame, vpon the peynes conteyned in the ſayde acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter enſueth,

¶ Ye ſhall ſweare to beare fayth, truthe, and obedience alonely to the kynges maieſtie, and to his heires of his body of his moſt dere and entierly beloued lauful wife Quene Anne begotten and to begotte. And further to the heires of our ſaide ſoueraygne lozde, accozding to the limittation in the ſtatute made foz ſuretie of his ſucceſſion in the crowne of this realme mencioned and conteyned, and not to any other within this realme, noz foreyne auctozitie oz potentate. And in caſe any othe be made oz hath be made by you to any perſonne oz perſonnes, that then ye to repute the ſame as vayne and adnichilate. And that to your counnynge, wytte, and vttermooſte of your power, without gyle fraude oz other vndewe meane, ye ſhall obſerue kepe mayntayne and defende the ſayde acte of ſucceſſion, and all the hole effectes and contentes therof, and al other actes and ſtatutes made in confirmation oz foz execution of the ſame, oz of any thynge therin conteyned. And this ye ſhall do agaynſte all maner of perſonnes, of what eſtate dignitie degree oz condicion ſo euer they be. And in no wyſe do oz attempte, noz to your power ſuffre to be done oz attempted dyrectely oz indirectly any thynge oz thynges priuely oz appertely, to the lette, hynderaunce, damage, oz derogation therof, oz of any parte of the ſame, by any maner of meanes, oz foz any maner of pretence, ſo helpe you god, all ſayntes, and the holy Euangeliſtes.

¶ And foz as moche as it is conuenient foz the ſure mayntenaunce and defence of the ſame acte, that the ſayde othe ſhulde not onely be auctoriſed by auctozitie of parlyament, but alſo be interpret & expowned by the hole aſſent of this preſent parlyamente, that it was mente and entended by the kynges maieſtie, the lozdes & cõmons of the parlyament, at the ſaid day of the ſaide laſt prozogation, that euery ſubiect ſhulde be bounden to take the ſame othe accozdynge to the tenour and effecte therof, vpon the peynes and penalties conteyned in the ſayde acte: Therfoze be it enacted by auctozitie of this preſent parlyament, that the ſaid othe aboue reherſed, ſhalbe interprete expouned reputed accepted, & adiuged the very othe, that the kinges highnes, the lozdes ſpiritual & tempozall, and the cõmons of this preſẽt parliament ment & intended, that euery ſubiecte of this realme ſhuld be oblyged, and boũden to take and accept foz maintenance and defence of the ſame acte, vpon the peynes conteyned in the ſayd acte. And that euery of the kynges ſubiectes, vpon the ſayde peynes ſhall be obliged to accepte and take the ſayde othe.

And

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the cõmissioners that hereafter shall be appointed to receyue suche othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of them at the lest, shall haue power and auctoritie to certifye into the kynges benche by writynge, vnder their seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persons commynge afore them, to take the same othe: And that euery suche certificat to be made by suche commissioners, as is afore sayde, shall be taken as stronge and as auaylable in the lawe, as an inditement of. xii. men laufully founden of the sayde refusell. So that the person and persones, ayenste whome any suche certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answere thervnto, as if they were indited. And that suche processe, iugement, execution, & euery other thinge shalbe had, vsed, & minystred of and vpon euery suche certificat ageynst the offendours, as if they had ben laufully indited of such offences by the due cours and order of the commen lawes of this realme.

An act concerning the payment of firste fruites of all dygnities, benefices, and promotions spiritual, and also concernyng one annuel pension of the.x. parte of al the possessions of the churche spiritual & temporal, graũted to the kinges highnes and his heires. ca. iii.

For as moche as it is and of very duetie ought to be the naturall inclination of all good people, lyke mooste faythefull louynge and obediente subiectes, sincerely and wyllyngely to desyre to prouyde, not onely for the publyke weale of their natyue countreye, but also for the supportation mayntenaunce and defence of the royall astate of theyr most dread benigne and gratious souerain lorde, vpon whom and in whom dependith all their ioye and welthe: in whom also is vnited and knytte so princely parte and courage, myxed with mercy wysedome and iustice, And also naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable and benevolent argumentes therof benge mooste bountifully largely and many tymes shewed, ministred, and approued towardes his louynge and obedient subiectes, hath well appered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondence of gratitude to be considered, accordynge to their most bounden dueties. Wherfore his sayde humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parlyament assembled, callyng to theyr remembrance, not onely the manyfolde and innumerable benefites, dayely admynistred by his hyghenes to them all, and to the residue of all other his subiectes of this realme: But also howe long tyme his maiestie hath most victoriously, by his highe wisedome and polycie, protected, defended, and gouerned this his realme, & maynteined his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitie peace vnite quietnes and welth. And also considerynge what great excessiue and inestimable charges his hyghnes hath heretofore bene at and susteyned by the space of fyue and twenty hole yeres, and also dayly susteyneth for the maintenaunce

tenance tuition and defence of this his realme, and his louynge subiectes of the same, whiche can not be susteyned and borne without some honourable prouision & remedy maye be made founde prouided and ordeyned for maintenance therof: Wo therfore desyre and most humbly pray, that for the more suretie of continuance & augmentation of his hyghnes royall estate, being not onely nowe recognised (as he alwayes in dede heretofore hath ben) the only supreme heed in erthe nexte and immediately vnder god of the churche of Englande, but also theyr moste assured and vndouted naturall soueraine liege lorde and kynge, haynge the hole gouernaunce tuition defence and mayntenaunce of this his realme and moste louynge obedient subiectes of the same. It may therfore be ordeyned and enacted by his hyghnes, and the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme folowynge.

That is to saye, that the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours kynges of this Realme, shall haue and enioye from tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery suche persone and persones, whiche at any tyme after the fyrste daye of January nexte comynge shall be nompnated elected prefected presented collated or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebysshopriche, Bysshopriche, Abbacye, Monastary, Priorie, College, Hospitall, Archedeaconry, Deanry, prouestshippe, Prebende, parsonage, vicarage, Chauntrie, Freechapell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall within this realme, or elles where within any of the kynges dominions, of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whose foundation patronage or gyfte so euer they belonge, the first fruites, reuenewes and profites for one yere of euery suche archebysshoppriche bysshoppriche abbacy monasterie priorie college hosppytall, archedeconry, deanrye, prouestshyp, prebende personage vicarage chaunterie frechappell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotiõ spiritual afore named, whervnto any suche personne or persones shal after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarie be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted. And that euery suche persone and persones before any actuall or reall possession, or medlynge with the profites of any suche archebysshoppriche, bysshopriche, abbacy monasterie college hospitall deanrie prouestshyp prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, frechapell, priory, or other dygnitie benefice office or promotion spirituall shall satisfie content and paye, or compound or agree to pay to the kynges vse at reasonable days, vpon good sureties, the sayde fyrst fruites and profites for one yere.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforsayde, that the Chauncellour of Englande and mayster of the Rolles for the tyme beinge, ioyntelye and seuerally, or suche other persone and persones, as shall please the kynges hyghnes, his heires or successours from tyme to tyme, at his or theyr pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greatte seale, shall haue power and auctoritie as well to examyne and serche for the iuste and true value of the sayd fyrst fruites and profittes by all wayes and meanes

meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the sayd first fruites and profites, as to stall and lymitte reasonable dayes for payment therof vpon good and sufficient suertie or suerties, by writynges obligatorie by their discretions. And if composition or agrement be had or made for the sayd first fruites before the sayd lorde Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, that than the writynges obligatorye or money taken for the same, shall rest remayne and abyde in the hanaper of the kynges chaunceric there saufely to be kepte to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of suche writynges obligatorye, or to be receyued in hande by reason of any suche composition, shall be payde in the sayd hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the tyme beinge. And that the sayd clerke of the hanaper shall make a true and a iust accompt therof lyke as he is bounde to do of the money receyued of the profytes of the kynges great seale. And if composition or agrement be had or made for the sayd firste fruites, afore any other person or persons to be deputed by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours by commission vnder his great seale, that then the writynges obligatorye and money taken for the same, shall be delyuered to the Treasorer of the kynges moste honourable chaumber for the tyme beinge, or elles where, to whom it shall please the kynges hyghnes his heyres or successours to gyue auctorite by commission vnder the great seale, to receyue the same.

¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery writynge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hande and name of the clerke of the hanaper, and treasorer of the chaumber or other commissioners afore sayd, or any of them, wytnessynge the receipte of the sayd first fruites or any parte therof, shall be as good and effectuall agaynst the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours, to euery person and persons, haupnge the same, for so moche money as shall be mencioned to be receyued and conteyned in euery suche acquitaunce, as if suche acquitaunce were or had ben lawfully had and opteyned in the kynges name vnder the kynges great seale, and so shall be admitted accepted and allowed and taken in euery of the kynges courtes. And that all writynges obligatorye to be taken for payment of the sayd first fruites by and afore the sayd lorde Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, or by and afore any other person or persons to be deputed to compounde and agree for the sayd firste fruites, as is aforesayd, shall be of the same strength force vertue qualitie and effecte to all intentes and purposes, as writynges obligatorye here tofore made by any lay person by auctorite of the statute of the Staple, ben. And that vpon Certificate hereafter to be made in to the kynges chaunceryc of any suche writynges obligatorie to be taken for payment of suche firste fruites, lyke processe and execution shall be therupon made and had agaynst any person spirituall or temporall, as hath ben accustomed to be made against any lay person vpon Certificate of writynges obligatorie of the sayd statute of the Staple. And that no person shal be compelled to pay for any writyng obligatory to be made for the sayd payment of the sayd firste fruites aboue. viii. d. nor for any acquitaunce

to be made for receypte of ſuche fyrſte fruites aboue.iiii.d. And that ſuche perſon and perſons as ſhall be deputed by the kynges highnes by commiſſion vnder the great ſeale, to compounde and agree for the ſaid firſt fruites, ſhall at the ende of euery.vi.monthes next after the date of their cõmiſſion, and ſo from.vi.monthes to.vi.monthes, delyuer or cauſe to be delyuered vnto the Treaſorer of the chambre, for the tyme being, or els where, to ſuche commiſſioners as ſhall be appoynted, as is aforeſayd, to receyue the ſame, as well all ſuche money as all ſuche ſpecialties and bondes, as they ſhall haue taken for the payment of the ſayd firſt fruites by indenture to be made betwene them and the ſayd Treaſorer, or other commiſſioners, as is afore ſayd, conteynynge the certaynte and nombre of the ſommes of money, and ſpecialties and bondes by them taken and receyued. And if any perſon or perſons, to whom any deputation ſhall be made by cõmiſſion, to compoũde and agree for the payment of the ſayd fyrſte fruites, theyr heires, executours, or adminiſtratours, concele or imbeſyll any of the ſayd ſpecialties or bondes, taken for the ſure payment of the ſayd firſt fruites, and do not delyuer them accordynge to the tenour of this acte, that then euery ſuche offendour ſhall forfayte that office of deputation, and ouer that make fyne and raunſome at the kynges owne pleaſure and wyll.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by auctorytie aforeſaid, that if any perſon or pſons, whiche as any tyme after the ſayd firſt daye of Januarye, ſhall be nominated, elected, prefected, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promotions ſpirituall before mencioned, do entre in to the actuall and reall poſſeſſions therof, or meddell with the profites therof, before they ſhall haue trewly ſatisfied and payde to the kynges vſe the firſt fruites and profites therof for one yere, or els ſhall haue agreed or compounded for payment of the ſame at reaſonable dayes vpon good ſureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue eſpecified, that then euery ſuche perſone and perſones, ſo doynge and offendynge, and beinge therof conuicte by preſentement, verdyte, confeſſion, or wytnes before the ſayd lorde Chauncellour, or ſuche other as ſhall haue auctorytie by cõmiſſion to compounde for the ſayd firſt fruites and profites, as is aforeſayd, ſhall be accepted and taken an entrewder vpon the kynges poſſeſſion. And that they theyr executours or adminiſtratours ſhall paye to the vſe of the kynges hyghnes for euery ſuche offence, ſo moche ſommes of money, as ſhall amounte to the double value of the ſayd firſt fruites and profites of ſuche dignities benefices or other ſpirituall promotions, wherin they ſhall ſo entre and entrewde before the payment of the ſayd firſt fruites and profites for one yere therof, or before dewe agrement made for the ſame, in maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorytie aforeſayd, that the fyrſt fruites of benefices heretofore accuſtomed to be payde to the byſſhop of Norwiche within his dioces, and to the archedeacon of Richemunde within his archedeantie, or to any other perſone or perſones within this realme, or any other

the

the kinges dominions, shall from the said first day of January cesse and be extinct, and no lenger be payde, but onely to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, in suche fourme, as is aboue mencioned in this acte.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes that archebyshops and byshops, and all other hauyng iurisdiction ordinarie, may gyue and delyuer letters of institution and induction, as they myght do before the makynge of this acte, without any offence of any artycle conteyned in this acte: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that where there be dyuers celles appertaynynge to monasteries and priories, and that the priours of suche celles be named and remouable from tyme to tyme at the only willes & pleasures of their maisters & soueraynes of the monasteries & priories, wherunto suche celles belonge, that the priours of suche celles, shall not be cõpelled to paye any first fruites by vertue or auctoritie of this acte: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandynge: but that the first fruites and profites of euery suche cell shal be payd to the kinges highnes, his heires & successours, whan so euer & as often as any person shall be nominated elected prefected or collated to the monasterie or priorie, wherunto suche celles belongen.

¶ And ouer this be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperyall crowne and dignitie of supreme heed of the churche of Englande, shall yerely haue take and enioye and receyue vnited and knytte to his imperiall crowne for euer, one yerely rent or pension, amountynge to the value of the tenthe parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tythes, offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other profites, as well called spirituall as temporall, nowe appertaynynge or belongynge, or that hereafter shall belonge to any archebisshopriche, bisshopriche, abbacye, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deaconrie, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or other benefice or promotion spirituall, of what name, nature, or qualitie so euer they be, within any dioces of this realme or in Wales, the sayd pension or annuell rent, to be yerely payde for euer to our sayd souerayne lorde, to his heires and successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, and the fyrst payment therof to begyn at the feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god M. D. XXXV. And to be payde yerely by suche as shal be appoynted to haue the collection therof by this acte, in suche maner & fourme as shall hereafter be lymitted by this acte, before the fyrst day of Apryl yerely nexte folowynge after the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd yerely rent and pension shall be taxed rated leuyed perceyued and payed to the kynges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to saye, that the Chauncellour of Englande

lande for the tyme beinge, shall haue power and auctorytie to directe in to euery dioces in this realme and in wales, seuerall cõmissions in the kynges name vnder his great seale, as well to the archebyshop or byshop of euery suche dioces, as to suche other persone or persones, as the kynges hyghnes shall name and appoynt, cõmaundynge and auctorysynge the sayd cõmissioners for to be named in euery suche cõmission, or. iii. of them at the leest, to exampne serche and enquire by all the wayes and meanes that they can by theyr discretions, of and for the true and iust, hole and entiere yerely values of all the manours londes tenementes hereditamentes rentes tythes offerynges emolumentes, and all other profites, as well spiritual as temporall, appertaynynge or belongynge to any archebyshoprike byshoprike abbacie monasterie priorie archedeconrie deanrie hospitall college house collegiate prebende cathedrall churche collegiate churche conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or to any other benefice or promotion spirituall within the lymittes of theyr cõmission, with a clause to be conteyned in euery suche cõmission, that the said cõmissioners, or. iii. of them at the least, shall deducte and alowe in the makynge and ratyng of the sayd yerely values of the premisses, these deductions folowynge and none other: That is to say, the rentes resolute to the chiefe lordes, and all other annuell and perpetual rentes and charges, whiche any spiritual person or persones ben bounden yerely to paye to any person or persones, to their heires or successours for euer, or to gyue yerely in almes by reason of any foundation or ordinaunce, and all fees for Stewardes Receyuers Baylliffes & auditours and Synodes and prorys, with an other clause to be also conteyned in euery suche commission, that the sayd commissioners, or. iii. of them at the least, shall certifie vnder theyr seales at suche dayes as shall be lymitted by the sayd cõmissions, as well the hole and entiere value, as the deductions afore said of euery archebishoprike bishoprike abbacy monasterie priorie archedeconrie deanry hospital college house collegiate prebende cathedral church collegiate churche conuentuall churche personage vicarage chauntrie free chapell, and of all other benefices and promotions spirituall.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorytie aforesaid, that the said commissioners, that shall be so appoynted, or. iii. of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctorytie to do, accomplysshe, and execute the effectes and contentes of theyr sayd cõmissions in euery behalfe: And that euery the sayd commissioners, before they shall execute their sayd commission, shall receyue and take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour, or before suche other as shall be appoynted by the sayd Chauncellour, by the kynges writte of *dedimus potestatem*, that they shall diligently & truely without fauour affection frawde couyn mede drede or corruption, do fulfyll & execute the hole effectes and contentes expressed in euery suche cõmission within the lymittes therof, to theyr cunnynge wittes and vttermoste of theyr powers.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorytie aforesayd, that after suche Certificate made by the sayd commissioners, the sayd yerely rent and pen-

sion

ſion of the tenthe parte ſhall be ſette tared rated and taken iuſtly and truely and indifferently by the Treaſorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eſchequire, of and out of the clere yerely valewe of the premiſſes, that ſhall be aboue the deductions afore mencioned, and none otherwiſe. And that euery archebyſſhopriche, byſſhopriche, abbacye, monaſterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deanrie, hoſpitall, college, houſe collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, perſonage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or other benefice or promotion ſpirituall, ſhall be ſeuerally and diſtinctly tared charged and chargeable in the propre dioces, where they ben, for the payment of ſuche portion of the ſayd tenthe parte, as ſhall be tared and ſette vpon them by auctoritie of this acte, That is to ſaye, euery of them by and for them ſelfes, ſhall be tared, charged, and chargeable in the propre dioces, where they ben, for the tenthe parte of the yerely valewe of theyr poſſeſſions and profites to them belongynge, where ſo euer theyr ſayd poſſeſſions and profites ſhall happen to be or lye in any parte of this realme, or els where, in any the kynges dominions, and that none of them ſhall be charged or chargeable for the payment of the others charge or portion.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd, that after ſuche Certificate made into the kynges Eſchequire, and tare ſette of the tenthe parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archebyſſhop and byſſhop nowe beinge, and that hereafter ſhall be charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, and receyue within theyr propre dioces, as well in places exempte, as not exempte, all ſuche ſommes of money, wherwith the dignities, benefices, and other promotions ſpirituall afore mencioned within theyr dioces, chargeable by this acte, ſhall be ſette tared and charged towardes the payment of the ſayd yerely penſion, and ſhall paye and content the ſaid ſommes of money yerely before the ſayd fyrſt daye of Apryll, to the Treaſorer of the kynges chambre for the tyme beinge, or to any other perſon or perſons, whom it ſhall pleaſe the kynges highnes to appoynt to receyue the ſame. And that euery of the ſayd archebyſſhops and byſſhops, theyr executours and adminiſtratours, and the poſſeſſions of their dignities and churches, ſhal ſtande charged and chargeable for the ſure and true paymēt of ſuche ſommes of money as they ſhall collecte and receyue of the ſayd yerely rent and penſion.

¶ And that the Treaſorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, & Barons of the kynges eſchequire, ſhall yerely cauſe proces to be made by theyr diſcretions for none payment of the ſayd penſion or yerely rent, or any parcell therof, againſt euery archebiſhop and biſhop of this realme, that is to ſay, againſt euery archebyſhop and byſhop for ſo moche parte and portion of the ſayd penſion and yerely rent, wherwith the dignities benefices and other promotions ſpirituall afore mencioned within his dioces, ſhall be tared and charged, ſo that euery of the ſayd archebyſhops and byſhops ſhall be charged & chargeable for the rate and portion of the ſayd yerely rent and penſion, ſette and tared within his owne peculiar dioces, and none otherwiſe.

And

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that euery archebyshop and byshop, shall haue power and auctoritie to leuye take and perceyue by auctoritie of censures of the churche, or by distresse, or otherwise by their discretion, all suche sommes of money as shalbe rated tared and set to go out of the landes tenementes hereditamentes profytes and emolumentes of any dignitie office benefice or other place or promotion spirituall within their dioces, towardes the payment of the sayd yerely rent and pension, and that no repleuin prohibition nor Supersedeas vpon any excōmunication, nor any other writte or impediment shall be sued alowed or obeyed for any person or personnes, makynge defaulte of payment of suche parte and portion, as they shalbe rated and tared vnto by auctoritie of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they haue truely satisfied theyr sayd parte and portion to them allotted of the sayd yerely rent and pension.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that when so euer and as often as any of the archebyshoprices or byshoprices happen to be voyde, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche, or the priour and conuent, or chappter, or conuent of the monasterie or cathedrall churche, where the See of suche archebyshoprice or byshoprice, beinge voide, shall happen to be, duryng the tyme of the vacation therof, and theyr executours administratours and possessions shall be charged and chargeable to do and cause to be done all and euery thynge and thynges for the dewe executions of this acte, within the dioces of suche archebyshoprice or byshoprice beinge voyde, as the same archebyshop or byshop of the See beinge voyde, shulde haue done, accordynge as it is lymitted and appoynted by this acte, or by any thynge therin conteyned.

¶ And it is ordeyned & enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any somme of money beinge ones due by any incumbent of any of the dignities benefices or promotions spirituall afore especified, charged to the payment of the sayd yerely pension and annuell rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any tyme after the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of our lorde, at theyr dignities, monasteries, priories, hospitals, colleges, churches, chaunteries, or houses by the archebyshop or byshop, or suche as shal be charged with the collection of any parte of the sayd pension, or by any other theyr ministers seruauntes or officers, to paye suche portion of the sayd pension and yerely rent, as they shall be tared and assessed, be not truely content and payde vnto suche archebyshop or byshop, or theyr ministers and officers, or to suche other person or personnes, or theyr ministers, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yerely at the tyme of suche requeste & demaunde therof, or els within forty dayes nexte after euery suche requeste at the furthest, that then euery incumbent, makynge suche defaulte of payment, after suche defaulte therof certified in to the kinges eschequire in writynge vnder the seales of any archebyshop or bishop, or of suche as be limitted & charged to the collection of the sayd pension by this acte, shalbe adiudged depriued *Ipso facto*, of all suche dignities benefices pensions and promotions

tions ſpiritual as any ſuche incumbent makinge ſuche defaulte, ſhall haue at the tyme of ſuche certificate to be made, or at any tyme after. So that all ſuche dignities benefyces penſyon and promocions ſpirituall, whiche any incumbente makynge ſuche defaulte of payemente, ſhall haue at the tyme of any ſuch Certifycate to be made, or at any time after, ſhalbe clerely voide & deſtitute of incumbent in the lawe to al intentes and purpoſes, as if ſuche incumbent makynge ſuche defaulte of paymente were deade in dede.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritie aforeſayde, that if any archebyſſhoppe or byſſhop, or any other lymitted and charged by this acte to the collection and payemente of the ſayde penſion and annuelle rente, doo make a Certificate in to the kynges eſchequire, before the ſayde fyrſte daye of Apryll, or at any tyme within foure and twenty dayes next after the ſayd fyrſte daye of Aprylle, that they accordynge to this act, haue reaſonably required and demaunded any incumbente of any dygnitie benefice or promotion ſpirituall, chargeable by this acte to paye ſuche parte and porcyon of the ſayde penſyon and annuell rente, as they ſhall happen to be aſſeſſed vnto, and that ſuche incumbente, ſo beinge required, hath not payde his ſayd parte and porcyon, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then euery ſuche archebyſſhoppe and byſſhoppe and euerye other perſonne, haupnge the charge by this acte for collection and payment of the ſayd penſyon and annuell rente, vpon euery ſuche Certifycate, ſhall be diſcharged and acquited for euer agaynſte the kyng, his heyres, and ſucceſſours, of and for all ſuche ſommes of moneye, as any ſuche incumbente, agaynſte whom ſuche Certificate ſhall be made, ſhulde or oughte to haue payde by this acte: And that thenne in euery ſuche caſe the Treaſorer Chauncellour Chaumberlayne and Barons of the kynges Eſchequire, ſhall rayſe and dyrecte vpon euerye ſuche Certifycate, ſuche proceſſe out of the kynges Eſchequire agaynſte euery ſuche incumbente, agaynſte whome any ſuche Certifycate ſhall be made and theyr executours and adnynyſtratours, or for inſufficyencye of theym, agaynſte the ſucceſſours of euery ſuche incumbente, wherby the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and ſucceſſours ſhall and maye be truely aunſwered payde and contented of ſuche porcyon and parte as the incumbente, agaynſte whome any ſuche Certyficate ſhall be made, was tared and aſſeſſed for his dignyties benefyces or promotions ſpiritual, chargeable by this acte.

¶ And it is alſo ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afore ſayde, that all maner of acquitaunces made by the treaſourer of the kynges chaumbre, or by any other ſuche commyſſioners, as ſhall be appoynted, as is aforeſaid, to receyue the ſayde penſyon, or any parte therof, and ſubſcrybed with the name of the ſayde Treaſorer or any other ſuche commiſſioner for the payemente of the ſayde penſion or annuell rente, or any parte therof, to any ſuche perſonne or perſonnes as be lympted and charged with the collection therof, ſhall be of as good ſtrengthe force vertue and effecte to the parties, haupng the ſame, as if they were made in the kynges name vnder his great

ſeale, & ſo ſhall be alowed, admitted, & accepted in al courtes of this realme: And that the treaſorer, chancellour, chamberlayne, and barons of the kynges Eſcheker, ſhall by vertue and auctorite of this acte, as well admyt and allowe ſuche acquitances, as al ſuche Certificates as ſhall be made againſt any incumbent for defaute of paymente, as is aboue ſayde, vppon the accompte of euery archebyſſhop and byſhop, and of euery other perſon limitted and charged by this acte, for the collectyon and payemente of the ſayde penſyon and annuell rente, without any writte byl or warrante to be ſued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of offycer of the kynges Eſchequire ſhall take of any archebyſſhop or byſhop, or of any other perſon, haupnge charge with the collection and payemente of the ſayde penſyon or annuell rent, any maner rewarde or thinge for makynge theyr accompte or *Quietus eſt* in the ſame eſchequire, or for any maner of thynge apperteynynge to the ſame, concernynge the ſayde penſyon and annuell rente, vppon peyne of euery officer doinge contrary to this acte, to loſe and forfayte this office, and make fine to the kynge at his wyll and pleaſure.

¶ And for as moche as euerye incumbente of the dygnities benefyces and promotions ſpirituall afore mencioned, ſhal be charged by this acte to the payement of the. x. parte of the value of theyr dygnities benefices and promotions ſpirituall, without any deduction or allowance of ſuche penſyon or penſions, wherewith ſome of them ben charged to paye to theyr predeceſſours, durynge theyr lyues, or to other perſonnes to the vſe of ſuche theyr predeceſſours durynge theyr lyues, it is therfore ordeyned and enacted by auctorite afore ſayde, that hit ſhal be laufull to euery incumbente, charged with any ſuche penſyon, payeable to any his predeceſſours, or to any to his vſe, to reteyne and kepe in his hande the tenthe parte of euerye ſuche penſyon: And that euery ſuche incumbente and his ſuertyes, ſhall from henſeforthe be acquyted and diſcharged of the ſayde tenthe parte of euery ſuche penſyon, by vertue and auctorite of this preſente act, any decree ordenance or aſſygnemente of any ſuche ordynarye, or any collateralle writynge or ſuertye made for ſuche penſyon to any ſpirytuall perſonne or perſonnes, or to any to theyr vſes for terme of theyr lyues, in any wyſe not withſtandynge. And that as well euery incumbente as ſuche perſones as ſtand bounden for hym, for payement of any ſuche penſyons, ſhall pleade this acte in euery of the kynges courtes, for the clere extynguyſhmente and diſcharge of the. x. parte of euery ſuche penſion.

¶ AND BE IT ALSO ORDEYNED AND enacted by auctorite afore ſayde, that noo penſyon ſhall hereafter be aſſygned by the ordynarye, or by any other maner of agremente by collateral ſuretie, or other wyſe, vpon any reſignation of any dignitie benefice or promotion ſpirituall, aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie, benefice, or promotion ſpiritualle reſigned: And if any penſion, amountynge aboue the valewe of the thyrde parte of the dignitie benefice or promotion ſpirituall here tofore reſygned, be all redy limitted and made ſure to any ſpirituall perſone

or per-

or persones, by decree of the ordinarie, or other wyse by any collaterall suertie, or here after shall happen to be assigned and made sure to any persone or persones spirituall, or to any other to their vse, by decree of the ordinarye, or by any other collaterall surety, vpon any resygnation therof, yet neuer the lesse the incumbent charged with suche pension, nor his suretyes collaterall, shall not be compelled to paye any more pension than the value of the thyrde parte of his dygnitie benefyce or promotion spirytuall, so resygned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctoritie of this acte, be clerely acquited and discharged of so moche of the sayd pension, as shal amounte aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dygnitie or benefyce resygned: any decree or assygnemente of the ordynarye, or any collaterall wrytynges or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And for as moch as dyuers abbottes & priours ben charged to pay gret pensions to sōdry theyr predecessours yet liuing, to the gret decay of their hospitalities and house keppynge: Be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euerye suche predecessour of suche abbottes, or priours, haupnge any pension made sure vnto theym, or to any to theyr vse durynge theyr lyues, amountynge aboue the yerely value of. xl. li. shall from henseforth be defalked and abated of the moyte and halfe deale of euery such pensyon. And that euerye abbote and all other persones charged for the paymente of suche pension aboue the sayde yerely value of. xl. li. shal be clerely acquited and dyscharged by auctoritie of this acte of the moytie and halfedele therof for euer. Any decree or assygnemente therof by the ordinarie, or any writing or surety collaterall had or made for the suretie therof notwithstandynge.

¶ And for as moche as the lorde priour of sayncte Johns of Jherusalem in Englande and his bretherne be not specially named and expressed in this acte, wherby ambyguitie mought aryse, whether they shulde be comprysed within the lymittes of this acte. It is therfore for playne declaration therof enacted by autoritie aforesayde, that euery persone and persones, whiche after the sayd fyrst daye of January, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to the dygnytie of the sayd prior of sayncte Johns of Jherusalem in Englande, or to any commaundry appertaynynge vnto the same, shall before theyr actuall and real entre into the same dignitie or commandry, or medlynge with the profittes therof, satysfie, & paye to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours, the fyrste fruites and profites therof for one hole yere, or agree or compounde for the same at reasonable dayes, in lyke maner and forme, and vppon lyke peyne in euery behalfe, as archebyshops and byshoppes, and other spyrytuall persons ben bounde to, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. And that also the priour of sayncte Johns nowe beynge, and his successiours, and euery of his bretherne, haupnge any commaundry, and their successours, shal contribute, and paye yerely to the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours, one yerely rent and pension amountyng to the tenth parte of al their

possessions and profytes as well spirituall as temporall: And shall be charged, rated, tared, and set to the contribution and payment of the sayd tenthe parte. And that also the sayd tenthe parte shall be leuyed, collected, & payde, in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the tenthe parte of other dignities and benefices spirituall shall be charged, tared, set, leuyed, collected, and payed by auctorite of this acte.

¶ And for as moche as in sondry and many cathedrall churches, colleges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and tyme out of mynde hath ben certayne ordynaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Prouoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certayne parte and portion of the possessions and profites belongynge to suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, all onely lymitted and belongynge to theyr offices and dignities: And euery prebendarye, brother, vycare, felowe, petie canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hathe an other portion all onely and distinctly lymitted, appertaynynge and belongynge to theyr dignities and offices in suche churches, hospitalles, and colleges: It is therfore prouided and ordeyned by auctorite afore sayd, that suche person and persons, whiche at any tyme after the sayd fyrste daye of Januarye shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated, or by other meanes appointed to be Deane, Prouoste, maister, or other chiefe gouernour of suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paye for theyr fyrste fruites but onely after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profytes, lymitted and belongynge to theyr office and dignitie. And that euery other person and persons, that after the sayd fyrste daye of Januarye shall be nominated, elected, presented, preferred, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any prebende, brothershyp, felowshyp, or to be any vycare or petie canon, or to haue any other dignitie or office spirituall in any suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paye for theyr fyrste fruites after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profytes lymitted and belongynge to theyr dignities and offices in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, and none otherwyse. Any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes, that suche persone or persones, that after the sayd fyrste daye of Januarye shall be presented and collated to any personage or vycarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eyght markes, shall not be compelled to paye any fyrste fruites for any suche personage or vicarage, where vnto they shall be presented or collated, not beinge aboue the sayd yerely value of eyghte markes: Excepte that the incumbent presented or collated to suche personage or vicarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eyghte markes, do lyue thre yeres nexte and immediatly folowynge after his institution induction or collation to suche personage or vycarage. And if suche incumbent do lyue after the sayd thre yeres

then

then he or his executours or administratours shall paye at dayes to be lymytted after the sayd yeres vpon suertyes (as is aforesayd) the first fruites of euery suche personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligation to be made by any incumbent of suche personage or vicarage, and his suerties for payment of the first fruites of suche personage or vicarage, there shall be conteyned a prouiso, that if the sayd incumbent dye within.iii. yeres nexte after the date of the institution, induction, or collation of the said personage or vicarage, that then the obligation shall be voyde and of none effecte. Any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ AND OVER this where the clergie of the prouynce of Caunterburye in theyr conuocation haue graunted vnto the kynges hyghnes one hundred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the prouince of Yorke.xviii. thousande eyghte hundred fortye.li.x.d. to be payed by euen portions in fyue yeres, and that whiche coulde not be leuyed therof in the same.v. yeres to be payed in the.vi. yere, as by the tenoure of theyr seuerall grauntes, therof made in theyr seuerall conuocations, more playnly appereth: It may please the kynges maiestie, of his excellent goodnes, in consideration that the sayd yerely pension and annuell rente shall be yerely from hens forth dewly payed and satisfied to his hyghnes, and to his heyres and successours, accordynge to the tenour fourme purporte and effecte of this present acte, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the clergie of the sayd prouince of Caunterburye and euery of them, shall be discharged and acquited agaynst our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heires, and successours of and for the.xx.M.li. parcell of the sayd.C.M.li. whiche shuld be payed in the.v. yere of payment lymitted by their graunte: And that the clergie of the sayd prouince of Yorke shall lykewise be discharged and acquited of and for all suche sommes of money, parcell of the sayd xviii. M.DCCC.xl.li.x.d. whiche shuld be payed in the.v. yere of payment lymitted by theyr graunte: any thynge in theyr sayd seueral grauntes therof made in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAYES, that all the residue of sommes of money, whiche be yet to be payed, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shall be trewly payed and satisfied to our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heyres or successours, accordynge to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of theyr sayd seuerall grauntes.

¶ PROVIDED also, that all suche fees, whiche any archebyshop byshop abbot priour or other prelate of the churche is bounden yerely to paye to any Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, Shyrifes, or other officers or mynisters of recorde, for temporall iustice to be done or mynistred within theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shall be allowed and deducted by the commissioners aforesayd in and vpon the valuation of the dignities monasteries priories or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶An acte for punishement of periurye of Jurours in the lordshyps marchers in Wales. cap.iiii.

WHere for lacke of dylygente and sure custodye of Jurours sworne for trials of murders, felons, and accessaryes of felonies and murders in Wales, and the marches of the same, dyuers adherentes frendes and kynsfolkes to suche offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite dyuers murderers felons and accessaryes, openly and notoriously knowen, contrary to equite and iustice: It is therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that forthewith vpon the charge gyuen to any inquest hereafter to be taken & sworen before any Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer within Wales or the marches of the same, of for and vppon any trauerse agaynste the kynge, or the triall of any recognysaunce broken, or any other forfayture forfayted to the kynge, or of for and vppon the tryall of any murderer felone or accessarye of felony or murder, one offycer or other personne shall be deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the trewe and diligent keppynge of the same iurours: And that the same officer or other personne soo sworne without the speciall commaundement of the sayde iusticiar or other officer, shall not do or suffre to be ministred to the same iurours any breadde drinke or meate, fire or lyghte, nor shall suffre the same Jurours to speake to any person or persones, nor the same officer or other person sworne without the commaundement aforesayde, shall not speake to the sayde iurours, but only to demaunde of them of theyr agrement, vnto suche tyme as the same iurours shall haue gyuen theyr verdyte, any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary not withstandynge: And if the same officer or other personne so sworne in forme aforesayd, do not execute and accomplyshe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery poynte and article, than the same officer or other personne so sworne shall be punyshed and inprisoned, and make fine and raunsome to the kynges hyghnes by the discretion of the sayde Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer.

¶And also be it enacted by thautoritie aforesayde, that if the same iurours do acquite any suche felone, murderer, or accessary, vpon whose triall they shalbe charged, or gyue any vntrue verdite ageynst the kynge, vpon the trial of any trauerse recognisaunce or other forfayture, contrary to good and pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persones sworne before the sayde Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer, or that the sayd iurours or any of them do eate drynke or speake to or with any other personne or persons, then to suche as be sworne with them, or otherwise misdemeane them selfes after they be sworne, and before they haue gyuen theyr verdite, that then the lorde presidente, and other of the counsaylle of the marches for the tyme

tyme beinge, vpon notice or complaynt therof to them made, shall not onely haue power and auctoritie by this present acte to call suche iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afore whom any suche acquitall, vntrewe verdit, or misdemeanour shall happen to be made, shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon peyne of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisance in a certayne somme of money, by theyr discretion to be lymitted, that the same iurours and euery of them shall personally appere at a certayne daye, by the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer to be lymitted before the lorde president, and other of the counseyle aforesayd, for the tyme beinge: then and there to abyde and stande to suche direction and order, as the same counseyle shall make ordeyne and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counseyle shall therupon haue auctoritie and power by examination or otherwyse, to here and determyne all and euery suche cause, and shall haue lyke auctoritie to cõmytte euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punyshement, as shall be thought moste mete by the discretion of the sayd counseyle, or otherwyse assesse or take euery suche iurour to his fyne or raunsome by the same discretion, to be payed and leuyed of theyr landes goodes and cattalles to the vse of the kynges hyghnes.

An acte that kepers of ferryes on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in theyr fery botes any maner of person goodes or cattalles after the sonne goynge downe, tyll the sonne be vp. ca. v.

FOr as moche as dayly dyuers felonyes, robberyes, and murders ben many tymes commytted and done in the counties of Glouc. and Somerset, in the partyes nere adioynyng vnto the water called the water of Seuerne betwene Englande and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies done, the said robbers felons and murderers, with the sayd goodes so robbed and stolen, make theyr conueyaunce with the sayd goodes so stolen, by nyght at dyuers passages or ferryes ouer the sayd ryuer or water, as the passages of Auste, Fremelande, Pyrton, Arlyngham, Nowenham, Portsedes, Poynte, and all suche other lyke passages ouer the sayd ryuer in to Southwales, or in to the forest, called the forest of Dene, also adioynynge to the same water. And whan they be ouer the sayd water, than the goodes so stolen be by dyuers priuileges there kepte, all be it the owner and owners haue trewe and perfyte knowledge therof, yet they so robbed and spoyled be without remedye for to obteyne theyr sayd goodes so stolen, and so that the secrete and sodeyne conueyaunce by nyght of the sayd goodes ouer the sayd ferryes and passages dothe not onely greately encourage dyuerse personnes to come out of the partyes of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuerse per-

ſons in theyr houſes in the ſayd counties ioynynge vpon the ſayd borders of Wales, but alſo cauſeth many robberyes and felonyes in ſondry wayes to be commytted and done vpon the ſayde border nere adioynynge to the ſame ryuer, to the greatte domage and hurte of the kynges ſubiectes inhabytynge there, oneleſſe ſome remedy therfore be prouided. It may therfore pleaſe the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame to enacte, that euery perſon or perſons takynge vpon hym or them to haue and kepe any of the ſayd paſſages, or any other paſſages vpon Seuerne aforeſayd, from hensforth do not conuey nother cary with any maner barge, bote, or other veſſell, any perſon or perſons with horſes, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattall, nor no other perſon or perſons before the tyme of the ſonne ryſynge in the morynge, and after the tyme of the ſonne beinge gone downe at nyght, vpon peyne of impriſonment and fyne to ſette on hym that ſhall ſo conuey or cary ouer any of the ſayd paſſages of the ſayd ryuer of Seuerne out of Englande in to Wales, or the foreſt of Dene, or out of Wales or the ſayd foreſt of Dene in to Englande, oneles the ſayd paſſengers and euery of them haue good knowlege of ſuche perſon and perſons, and of theyr dwellynge places, and vpon requeſt to them made by any perſon or perſons to diſcloſe the name and the dwellyng place of euery ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo by them conueyed ouer the ſayd water, to any ſuche perſon or perſons requirynge the ſame, if ſuite be made for or after them vpon any outcrye, hute, or freſſhe ſuyte of or for any felonye, robberye, murder, and manſlaughter, commytted and done from hensforth. And that the kynges Juſticiars of peace within euery the ſayd counties of Glouc. and Somerſet, at their quarter ſeſſions, ſhall haue full power and auctorite to call before them all ſuche perſons, whiche here after ſhall kepe any of the ſayd paſſages, or any other ferye or paſſage ouer the ſayd water in to Wales, or the ſayd foreſt, or out of Wales or the ſayd foreſt in to Englande, and to bynde them with ſufficient ſureties with them in recogniſaunce in ſuche ſommes of money as it ſhall ſeme to the diſcretion of the ſayd Juſticiars of peace, that they and euery of them beinge paſſengers and kepers of ferryes and paſſages, as is aforeſayd, from hens forth ſhall not after the ſayd tymes before lymitted and appoynted, conuey or cary, or cauſe to be conueyed or caryed any maner of perſon or perſons, or any kynde of cattall, but ſuche perſons as they do knowe and wyll anſwere for, and knowe where theyr abydynges, dwellynges, and habytations be, and vpon requeſt made to them or any of them, as is aboue ſayd, ſhall from tyme to tyme diſcloſe, as well the ſame perſon or perſons, as the goodes and cattalles ſo paſſynge the ſayd paſſages vpon freſſhe ſuite made or hereafter to be made vpon any felonye, murder, or robberye commytted and done in the borders of the countyes aforeſayd, or in any other place within this realme, or ſouthwales.

An acte

¶An acte that murders and felonyes done or committed within any lordshyp marcher in Wales, shall be inquired of at the sessions holden within the shyre groundes nerte adioynynge, with many good orders for ministration of Justice there to be had. Capitulo. vi.

FOr as moche as the people of Wales, and the marches of the same, not dreadynge the good and hollsome lawes and statutes of this realme, haue of longe tyme contynued and perseuered in perpetration and commission of dyuers and manyfolde theftes, murders, rebellions, wylfull burnynge of houses, and other scelerous dedes and abhominable malefactis, to the hygh displeasure of god, inquietation of the kynges well disposed subiectes, and disturbaunce of the publyke weale, whiche malefactes and scelerous dedes be so roted and fixed in the same people, that they be not lyke to ceasse, oneless some sharpe correction and punysshement for redresse and amputation of the premisses be prouided, accordynge to the demerites of the offendours. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singulet person and persons dwellynge or resyaunte within Wales, or in the lordshyps marches of the same, from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes, hereafter, vpon suche monition or warnyng gyuen for the courte to be kepte in Wales, or in any of the lordshyppes marches aforesaid, as before this tyme hath ben vsed, shall personally repayre, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and euery sessions, court and courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Stewarde, or other officer in any what so euer castell, fortresse, or other place within Wales, or within the precinct lymittes and iurisdictions of euery of the lordshyps marchers or seignories aforesayd, or the marches of the same, as by the sayd Justice, Stewarde, or other officer shall be appoynted: And than and there shall gyue his or theyr personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplysshe all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche to hym or them shall affere and appertayne, vpon peyne of suche fynes forfaytures and amerciamentes, as shall be affered, assessed, and tared by the Justice, Stewarde, or other officer to the kynges vse, if it be within any of the kynges lordshyppes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshyppes marches, then to the vse of the lorde of the sayd lordshyp marcher, for the tyme being: The sayd forfaytures and amerciamentes to be leuyed perceiued and taken by waye of distresse of the goodes and cattalles of euery person not apperynge at the sayd courte or courtes, or not doinge, executynge, or accomplysshynge his duetye, as is aboue sayd.

¶AND for as moche as the officers in the lordshippes marchers in Wales haue ofte and sondry tymes heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kynges subiectes within suche lordeshyppes, where they haue had rule or auctoritie, by

by many and sondry wayes and meanes, and also cõmitted them to straight duresse and imprisonment for small and lyght fayned causes, and extorciously compelled them therby to paye vnto them fynes for theyr redemptions, contrarye to the lawe. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or any other officer of any lordshyp marcher, do fayne, procure, or imagyn any vntrewe surmyse agaynst any person or persons, that shall so gyue theyr personall attendaunce before them at suche courte or courtes, and vpon the same vntrewe surmyse commytte them to any duresse or imprisonment, contrarye to the lawe, or contrarye to the trewe and laudable custome of that lordeshyp, that then vpon suite made vnto the kinges cõmissioners or counseyle of the marches for the tyme being, by any suche person or persons so imprisoned, or by any of theyr frendes, that then the same commissioners or counseyle, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to sende for suche Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and also for the person or persons so imprisoned. And if the same person or persons so imprisoned can euidently proue before the sayd counseyle, by good and substanciall wytnes, or otherwyse, that his imprisonment was vpon any feyned surmyse, without cause reasonable or lawfull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to assesse the sayd officer to pay to the sayd person or persons wrongfully imprisoned. vi.s. viii.d. for euery daye of theyr imprisonment, or more, by the discretions of the sayd commissioners, accordynge to the hurtes and behauoure of the person or persons imprisoned. And that the same cõmissioners shall set further fyne vpon the sayd officer to be payde to the kynges vse, as by theyr discretions shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere before the same cõmissioners incontynent after any commaundement to them directed and delyuered, after any suche complaynte made to the same commissioners, that then the same cõmissioners shall haue ful power and auctoritie vpon euery defaulte made by any officer or officers to assesse and sette vpon euery suche officer or officers makynge defaulte, suche fyne or fynes, to be leuyed to the kynges vse, as by theyr discretions shall be thought conuenient. And that the same cõmissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell the sayd officer or officers by waye of imprisonment, as well to paye suche fyne as shall be set and taxed vpon them to the kynges vse, as to pay vnto euery person or persons so imprisoned suche sommes of money, as they shall be cessed to paye for their wronge imprisonment.

And also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, dwellynge or resyaunt within Wales or the lordeshyppes marchers of the same, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be of, cõmynge, resortynge, or repayrynge vnto any sessions or courte, to be holden within Wales, or any lordeshyppes marches of the same, shall brynge or beare, or cause to be brought or borne to the same sessyons or courte, or to any place within the distaunce of two myles from the same sessions or courte, nor to any towne, churche, fayre, market, or other congregation, excepte it be vpon

a hute

a hute, or outcrye, made of any felonye, robberye done or perpetrated, nor in the high wayes in affray of the kynges peace, or the kynges liege people, any byll, longe bowe, crosbowe, handgon, swerde, staffe, dagger, halberde, morespyke, speare, or any other maner of weapon, pryue coote, or armour defensyue, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same weapon, pryue coote, or armour, and to suffre imprysonement, and make fyne and raunsome to the kynges byghnes by the discretion of the kynges commissioners of his marches for the tyme beinge, excepte it be by the commaundement lycence or assent of the sayd iustices Stewarde or other officer, or of the commissioners or counsell of the marches for the tyme beinge. And that no person nor persons from hensforth, without lycence of the sayd commissioners in wrytynge, shall within Wales or marches of the same, or in any shyres adioynynge to the same, require procure gather or leuye any Commorthe, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes cattalles money or any other thynge vnder colour of maryenge or sufferynge of theyr chyldren sayeng or syngynge theyr firste masses or gospelles of any priestes or clerkes, or for redemption of any murder or any other felonye, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names so euer they shall be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of tonnynge wrestelynge leappynge or any other games, the game of shotynge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonment of euery person or personnes, as shall gather or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is aforesayd. And further they and euery of them shall make suche fyne, as by the discretion of the kynges commissioners of his marches, shall be thought conuenient. And further the sayd commissioners, by this present acte, shall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determyne the sayd offences by theyr examination. And that no persone or persones shall hereafter at any tyme cast any thynge in to any courte within Wales or in the lordshyppes marchers of the same by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the courte may be letted distourbed or discontinued for that tyme, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonment of any suche persone or persones, as shall cast or cause to be cast any suche Arthel in to any courte or courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales or the lordshyps marches of the same. Any custome before this tyme vsed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshyppes marches of the same, shall be kepte within the moste sure and peasyble place within the same lordeshyp marcher, where the sayd Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appoynt, and for the punyshement and spedy trials as well of the counterfeyters of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshynge, clyppynge, or minishynge of the same, as of all and singuler felonies, murthers, wylfull burnynge of houses, manslaughters, robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, and other offences feloniously done perpetrated and cõmitted, or hereafter to be done perpetra-

petrated & cõmytted within any lordshyp marcher of Wales: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of the Gaole delyuerye, and of the peace & euery of them, for the tyme beinge in the shyre or shyres of Englande, where the kynges writte runneth, nexte adioynynge to the same lordshyp marcher, or other place in Wales, where suche counterfaytynge weschynge clippynge or minisshynge of any coyne currant within this realme, or murther hath ben or hereafter shall be commytted or done, or where any other felonies or accessaries shall be hereafter cõmitted perpetrated or done, shall haue from henceforth ful power & auctoritie, at their sessions and Gaole delyuerye, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the same shyre or shyres, nexte adioynynge within Englande, where the kinges writte runneth, there to cause all suche counterfaytours, wasshers, clyppers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indited accordyng to the lawes of this lande, in lyke maner and fourme, as if the same pety treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same had ben done cõmytted or perpetrated within any of the sayd shyres, within the sayd realme: and also to here determyne and iudge the same, accordynge to the lawes of the realme. And that all foreyne plees, pleaded by any of the sayd malefactours, and offendours, shall be tryed and determyned in the sayd shyre or shyres: and that the acquitall or fyne makynge for any of the causes aforesayd, in any of the lordshyppes marches, shall be no barre for any persone or persones, beinge indicted in the sayd shyre or shyres, within two yeres nexte after any suche murder or felonye done.

¶ And further it is enacted, that the sayd Justices of peace and Gaole delyuerye, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde all maner of proces, as well of outlawry as otherwise, agaynst al and euery suche offendour and offendours, so indited in maner and fourme and accordynge to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of Englande. And that the sayd Justices, or two of them, afore whom any suche offender shall happen to be outlawed or attaynted by outlagarie, shall immediately vpon the same vtlagarie or attaynder, directe and sende vnto the kynges officers of his lordshyppes marchers, or to their deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshyp marcher, or to his or theyr officer or officers, or to theyr deputies, wherin suche offence murder or felonye shall happen to be done, or where any suche offendour, murderer, or felone, shall happen to be resyaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them or two of them, of any suche outlagarie or attaynder, commaundynge them & euery of them by the same vnder peyne of forfayture of a hundred pounde to the kynge, to be leuyed & percepued, as well of the goodes cattals londes and tenementes of the same lorde or lordes marchers, as of the good and cattals londe and tenementes of the kynges officer there, to apprehende and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the body or bodyes of the same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or attaynted, and saufely to kepe, or cause to be kepte the same offendour or offendours, tyll suche conuenient

tyme

tyme before the nexte sessyons of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyuerie, of the shire, where suche offendour or offendours shall happen to be outlawed or attepnted, as to the kynges officers of his lordeshyppes marchers, or to theyr deputies, or vnto the lord marcher or lordes marchers of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or to his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputyes, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kepte, shall be thoughte expediente for the conueyaunce and conductynge of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourme folowynge to be delyuered from the kynges offycers or theyr deputies, or the lorde marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or theyr officer or officers, to other persons assigned by this acte to receyue and conuey suche offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours, and the receyuour or the receyuours: That is to saye, that the kynges officers of his lordshyp marcher or theyr deputyes, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the lordeshyp marcher, or his or theyr officer, or officers or theyr deputies, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kepte, shall saufely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueyed the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeshyppe marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offendours shall happen to be outelawed or attepnted. And that the kynges offycers of the same lordeshyppe marcher or theyr deputies, or the lord or lordes marchers of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputies, shall receyue and saufely and surely conducte and conuey the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeshyppe marcher. And so the kynges officers of euery lordeshyppe marcher, or theyr deputies or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshyppe, or his or theyr officer or officers or theyr deputies, to receyue conducte and conuey saufely and surely euery suche offendour or offendours from one lordeshyp marcher to an other lordeshyp marcher, by endenture, as is afore sayde, vnto the tyme that suche offendour or offendours, shalbe saufely delyuered before the sayde iustices of the gaole delyuery, vpon peyne of forfayture by euerye of the kynges officer or lorde marcher, by whose defaute the same offendour or offendours, shall ne maye not appere before the same iustices at theyr sayd sessions, there to stande and abyde the order of the kynges lawes. C. li. to be leuied and perceyued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of the same officer or lorde to the kynges vse. And that al and euery officer and officers, lorde and lordes, or other persones, to whom any certificat shall be directed, as is aboue sayde, shall at the nexte sessions and Gaole delyuery, to be holden after the prehension or attachement of suche offendour or offendours, returne the same Certificat in dewe forme, and what he or they haue done in that behalfe vpon the peyne aforesayde. Saynge alway to all and euery offendour and offendours, all and singuler trauerses, chalenges, exceptions, aduantages, and al other plees to of and vpon the outlaury pronounced or promoulged ageynste the same offendour or offendours, in ma-

ner and fourme as is and hath be vsed and accustomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kynges subiectes dwellynge within the same realme.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons, whiche shal happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrayned conuicted or attaynted by force of this acte, do fynde suche sufficient suerties before the kynges Justices of his gaole delyuerie, as by their discretion shal be thought conuenient, that the same person or persons shall not from thensforth commytte nor do any felonye murder or felonious offence, nor be accessarie to any felonye murder or felonious offence, but at all tymes from thensforth shall be of good behauour agaynst the kynge our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours, his and their lawes, and subiectes, that then the same Justices of gaole delyuerie for the tyme beinge, with and by thassent consent and agrement of the lorde presydent, and two of the kynges cõmissioners or counsayle of the marches for the tyme being, or thre of them at the least, wherof the lorde presydent, or one of the sayd counsayle to be one, shall and may by their discretion for one tyme onely, admytte any suche offendour to a certayne fyne or somme of money on hym by them to be assessed and taxed, to be surely payde to the kynges vse, and shall haue full power and auctoritie by this present acte to discharge any suche offendour or offendours, so arrayned outlawed conuicted and attaynted of all and euery suche felonye murder or felonious offence and accessaries of the same, and of all executions and punyshementes of dethe, whiche the same offendour or offendours shulde suffre by the cõmon lawes of this realme: so that the same offendour or offendours stonde not appeled of the sayd felonye murder or felonious offence, or as accessarie of the same offences, at the tyme of his said discharge. And that euery suche offendour so discharged, as is aboue sayd, shall be for the same offence or offences done within any of the kynges lordshyps marchers, or any other lordshyps marchers, discharged as well agaynst the kynges highnes, his heires & successours, as agaynst all other lordes marchers for one tyme onely.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this present acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not extende ne take place to abridge depryue or minorate any lyberties pryuylege or auctoritie of any lorde marchar, heretofore graunted to the same lorde, or laufully vsed or accustomed by the sayde lorde, or any of his auncetours, oneles the forsaide offendours happen to be indited outlawed arrayned conuicted or attaynted by force of this acte, as is aboue sayde, within two yeres nexte after suche murther or other felonious offence perpetrated done or committed within the sayd lordeshyppes marchers or any of them: Any thynge in this present acte before rehersed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And further more be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al murthers robberyes felonyes and accessaryes of the same, whiche shall happen hereafter to be done perpetrated or commytted within the shyre of Meronythe in Wales, shal and maye be from henseforth enquired herde and determined

termined in the counties of Carneruan or Anglesee, before the kynges Iustice of northe wales, or his deputie for the tyme beinge, by verdycte or inquest to be taken by the inhabitauntes of the same shires of Carneruan and Anglesee, or other wyse, if by the discretion of the Iustice there or his deputie, shall be thought conueniente, And that the same Iustice or his deputie for the tyme beinge shall haue ful power and auctoritie by his discretion, by force of this present act, to here and determine al and euery the foresaid murders felonies robberies and accessaries, in fourme aforesayde.

¶ And where heretofore vppon dyuers murders robberyes and felonyes perpetrated and done, as well within the lordshyppes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the same lordeshyppes, the offenders dyuers tymes flee and escape from the same lordshyp or other place, where suche offence was commytted, and haue repaired and resorted into an other lordeshyp marcher, and there by the ayde comforte and fauour of the sayde lorde of the same lordeshyp or his officer or officers, haue ben abydynge and resyaunte, in to the whiche lordeshyppes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretende a custome and priuilege, that none of the kynges ministers or subiectes may entre, to pursue apprehende and attache any suche offendour, therunto repayred, as is aforesayde, by reason wherof the same offendours went vnpunished, to the animation and encouragyng of other cuyll disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that euery officer and officers, and their deputies, vpon commaundement giuen by the commissioners or counsayle of the marches for the tyme beinge, shall bringe sende or delyuer euery suche offendour to the officer of the lordeshyp marcher, or other place, where any suche offence is or shall be committed or done, vpon the meres and bondes of the sayde lordeshyppes, or to the sayde commissioners or counsayle, accordynge as to the sayde offycers by theym shal be commaunded vnder peyne of .xl. poundes, the same commandement or cõmission to be directed to any suche officer to be sende conuayed and delyuered by a sergeaunt at armes, or a purseuaunt, attendaunt on the sayde counsell in the marches, for the tyme beinge.

¶ An acte for amendynge of hygh wayes in Suſſex. cap. vi.

Where it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliment heretofore holden at London, the .xv. daye of Aprill, in the .xiiii. yere of the kinges most noble reigne, and from thens adiourned to westminster the laste daye of July, the .xv. yere of his reygne, and there holden: in consideration that many comen ways in the welde of Kent be so depe and noyous by wearinge and cours of water and other occasions, that people can not haue theyr passages & cariages by horses vpon or by the same, but to theyr great peines perils and ieopardy, that

if any person or persons from that tyme in any place within the sayd welde of the sayde countie, of his good mynde and disposition without any value of good by hym or by them to be receyued for the same, wyll for the commen wele of the kingis people assigne and lay out a more commodious way in & ouer the londes therunto adioyning, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be sealed of fee in estate of inheritaunce, that the same newe way so to be assygned and layed out, by ouersighte and assent of two Justices of the peace of the said countie, and.xii. other discrete mē within the same hundreth inhabiting, where any such newe way shalbe limited & layed out, or inhabiting within the same hundred & other hundredes to the sayd hundreth next adioyning, shalbe from thensforth holden occupied & vsed in like maner as the sayd olde way there nowe is or before hath ben. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, wyllynge and accomplishing, shal & may for the sayde new way so assigned and vsed, receyue and hold in wey in recompense for the same new way so to be gyuen, the sole and ground of the olde way in seueraltie, to them theyr heires and assignes, to theyr owne vse and profyte for euer, without any comen way or passage there from thensforth to be had or claymed, any p̄scriptiō or vse to the contrary not withstāding, in like maner & forme as is limited by the said act of a certein new way granted by the same act to be made by George Guilford squier at Hempsted in the said welde of Kente. And that the sayd two Justices of peace, and.xii. other discrete men, by whose ouer syght & assent, the said new way by vertue of the sayd act, shalbe assigned limitted and laid out, shal within.iiii.monethes next after thassignement limitation & leyeng out of the same, make certificat into the kynges most honorable court of chancery vnder theyr seales of the length and breede of the sayd new way or strete, & of other thynges adioyninge or concerning the same, as by theyr discretiōs shalbe thought most expediente or requisite for the comen welth of that coūtre to be certified, and that certificat to be made from tyme to tyme, as ofte as any such newe way or strete shalbe assigned lymitted and layde out in fourme aboue writen.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or oughte to haue, or hereafter shall haue any churche waye, or other what so euer way or passage, ouer or throughe any maner landes adioyninge to any of the said old ways or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that act as seueral soile & freehold, in recōpence for any new way to be made & layde out in forme aforsaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any lōdes or teūtes adioining to ỹ old way, ỹ they & euery of thē, their heires & successours may haue and vse theyr saide way or waies out of & in the said new way ouer and through the land of the said old wey or strete, into or ouer the said lādes or tenementes adioyning to the same, and so to passe and repasse, as shal appertayne, ouer the same old way, at such conuenient place or places therof, as therfore shalbe limitted and assigned by the said.ii. Justices of peace & other. xii. men, & by them to be certified in the chancery, amonge other thinges by them to be certified in forme aforsaid, any thyng in the sayd

acte

act aboue writen not withstanding, as by the same act manifestly appereth. ¶ And for as moche as in many places within the countie of Sussex lyke act for the alteration of comen wayes & stretes there being moch annoyous is moche necessarie and expedient for the common welth and commoditie of the kynges subiectes of the saide countie of Sussex to be had and made. In consideration wherof be it ordeyned & enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the comons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayd act aboue rehersed and recited, shall and maye from hensforth extende take effecte and be put in execution in euery place conuenient or necessarye within the sayde countie of Sussex, where wayes and stretes be noyous to the kynges sayde subiectes of the same countie of Sussex in lyke forme & maner, & in al pointes and conditions, and with lyke prouiso to be had don & executed, as it is conteyned & expressed in the aboue recited act concerning the chaunge of the wayes and stretes in the sayd countie of Kent, any prescription vse custome or other thinge to the contrary beinge in any wyse not withstandynge.

An act for reedifieng of voyde groundes in the citie of Norwiche. ca. viii.

WHere by infortunate chaunce of fyre a great nombre of houses of habitation within the citie of Norwiche, about. xxvi. yeres paste, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heynes, discomforte, losse and hynderaunce of the inhabitauntes of the same citie. By reason of whiche bournynge dyuers and many voide groundes, wherupon before the same fire, good and substancial houses of habitation were stondynge remaynynge nowe at this daye vnreedified, and not onely vnreedified, but also to lye as desolat & vacant groũdes, many of them nygh adioynyng to the hygh stretis, replenished with moche vncleannes & fylthe, to the great annusance of the said inhabitantes, & other the kynges subiectes passyng by the same: & to thentent that a reformation may be had in that behalfe, be it enacted by the kynge our soucraygne lorde, & the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the comons in this presente parliament assẽbled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche vacant ground or groũdes, so lyeng within the precinct of the sayd citie, within two yeres next after proclamation made by the cõmandmẽt of the Maire of the said cite for the tyme beinge, within and vppon suche vacante grounde or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this presente acte, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficientely inclose the same vacant grounde or groundes, wherupon suche proclamation shalbe made, that then it shall be leful to the Mayre Shireffes citesens and cominalte of the same cite and theyr successours for the tyme beinge, immediately after the same two yeres expired, to entre in to euery suche grounde and groundes so vacant as is aforesayde, wherupon suche proclamation, as is before remembred, shalbe so made, and the same grounde & groundes

to holde and retayn without interruption to them and their ſucceſſours for euer, clerely diſcharged of all rentes, as wel ageynſt the lordes of fees therof as of all other, ſo that alwayes the ſame mayre ſhiriffes citeſens and cõminaltie, or their ſucceſſours, do well & ſufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and ſtone, as is aforeſayd, ſufficiently do incloſe the ſame grounde and groundes, wherin they ſhal ſo entre, within two yeres next after ſuche entre by them ſo to be made, as is aforeſaid. And in caſe the ſame maire ſhireffe citezens and cõminaltie, or their ſucceſſours, do not ſufficiently reedifie or incloſe, or cauſe to be reedyfied or incloſed the ſame grounde and groundes, in fourme aforeſayd within the ſame terme of two yeres next after they ſhal ſo entre into the ſame, that then it ſhal be leful to the ſaid firſte owner & owners of all ſuch ground and groundes, their heires or ſucceſſours immediatly after the ſame thre yeres ſo expired, to reentre into the ſame grounde and groundes, and the ſame to reteyn and enioy ayen to them, their heires and ſucceſſours, as in their former eſtate and intereſte: any thynge in this act conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that if the owners of ſuche vacant ground or groũdes, ſpecified in this acte, do not repayre and amend the ſame, accordynge to the tenour of this acte, within two yeres lymitted by this acte: that then it ſhall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom ſuche vacant groundes ben or ſhalbe holden, to entre and to haue the ſame groundes to them their heires & ſucceſſours for euer, ſo that euery ſuche chefe lorde do repayre and amende the ſaid vacant groũdes accordyng to the tenour and effect of this act within one yere next after that ſuche chiefe lorde maye entre by auctoritie of this acte. And if ſuche chiefe lorde, as maye entre by this act, do not repayre and amende the ſame vacant groundes within one yere nexte after they may entre by this acte: that then for euery ſuche defaute the mayre ſhireffes citezẽs and cominaltie ſhall laufully entre into the ſayde groundes, accordynge to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expreſſed in this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ An acte for reedifienge of voyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.

HUmbly beſecheth your good & gracious highnes your obedient ſubiectes, the maire & burgeſes of the towne of Lyn biſchop, in your coũtie of Norfolke, that where at this preſente time diuers & many meſuages & tenemẽtes of olde time buil ded within the ſaide towne are & by a long time haue ben in great decay & deſolation, wherby the flud and rage of the ſee compynge to the ſayd towne, and inſurginge vppon ſuche decayed tenementes in tymes of tempeſte doth freat and meruailouſly weare in dyuers places of the ſayde towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the ſayde towne as of dyuers perſons haupnge groundes adioynynge to ſuche places ſo

ces so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes wyll not reedifie and mayntayne the sayd mesuages and tenementes so decayed for the mayntenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the see, wherby the sayd towne is lyke to fall in more decaye ruine & desolation, if remedy therfore be not prouided. In consideration wherof it may please your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your maiestie, by the assentes of the lordes spirituall & temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche mesuages and tenementes so decayed, set lyenge or beinge within the precincte of the sayd towne, within one yere nexte after proclamation made by the cõmaundement of the mayre of the sayd towne for the tyme being, within and vpon suche decayed mesuages or tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages and tenementes & groundes to them belongynge, so beinge in decay, for defence of the rage of the water: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche mesuages or tenementes so decayed shall be holden, to enter into the said mesuages & tenementes so decayed, and the same holde haue and reteyne to them & their heires for euer: so that euery suche lorde, whiche shall enter into any mesuages or tenementes so decayed, by auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the said mesuages & tenementes so decayed in fourme as is aboue said, within one yere nexte after that suche chiefe lorde may enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte. And if suche chiefe lorde, whiche may enter by auctoritie of this act into the sayd mesuages or tenementes decayed, do not reedifie the sayd mesuages & tenementes decayed, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the same, in fourme as is aforesayd, within one yere nexte after suche chiefe lord mought enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte: that then it shal be lawfull to the mayre & cõminaltie of the sayd towne for euery suche defaulte to enter into any suche mesuages or tenementes so decayed, and the same to haue and reteyne to them and their successours for euer, without interruption to them and their successours for euer, clerely discharged of al rentes, as well agaynst the lordes of fees therof as of al other. So that alwayes the same mayre & cõminaltie, or their successours do well and sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone, as is afore sayd, sufficiently do inclose the same mesuages and tenementes or groundes appertayning to the same, wherin they shall so enter by auctoritie of this act within two yeres next after such entre by them so to be made, as is aforesaid, and in case the same maire & cõminaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiẽtly reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same mesuages & tenementes or groũdes to the same belongyng, in fourme aforesayd, within the same terme of two yeres next after they shall so enter into the same: that then it shall be lefull to the sayd first owner & owners of all suche mesuages tenemẽtes & groũdes, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into the same mesuages tenemẽtes & groũdes,

and the ſame to reteyne and enioye agayne to them, their heires and ſucceſſours, as in their former eſtate and intereſt: Any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶ An acte wherby the kynges highnes hath auctoritie to repell the ſtatute made for reſtreynt of wynes to come in afore Candelmas. cap. x.

WHere in the ſeſſion of this preſente parliamente holden at weſtmynſter in the. xv. daye of Januarye, in the. xxiii. yere of the kynges moſte noble reygne, it was enacted by auctoritie of the ſame parliament, that no maner of perſon or perſons ſhulde diſcharge and laye on lande out of any ſhyppe or ſhyppes, or other veſſell or veſſelles, any wynes of Gaſcoyne or Guion, or any maner of frenche wynes, at any hauen porte creke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the marches of the ſame, at any tyme from thensforth betwene the feaſtes of ſaynt Michel tharcangell, and the Purification of our lady, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the ſame wynes ſo brought and diſcharged and layde on lande at any tyme therafter betwene the ſayd feaſtes contrarye to the ſayd acte: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, and the other halfe therof to ſuche of the kynges ſubiectes, as ſhall ſeaſe or ſue for the ſame, by action of detynue or dette after the rate of the value therof, by originall writte byll playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche actions and ſuites the defendaunt ſhall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or eſſoyne ſhall be allowed, as amonge other thynges in the ſayd acte ſpecified euidently appereth. For as moche as ſuche leages and amyties as ben concluded and had betwene the kynges maieſtie and other foreyne kynges and princis, for the weale and tranquillitie of theyr realmes countrees and people, moughte parcaſe be impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agrementes therin conteyned, as well by occaſions of the ſayd article conteyned in the ſayd acte, as by occaſion of ſondery other lyke actes heretofore made, or here after to be made, wherby the commoditie and marchaundiſe of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions ben reſtreyned to be conueyed in'to any outwarde partyes, foreyne realmes, or countreys of other princis beinge in leage and amytie with the kynges hyghnes, or the commodities and marchaundiſes of ſuche outwarde parties, foreyne realmes, and countreys be reſtreyned to be brought and conueyed in to this realme, or elles where within the kynges dominions to be vttered ſolde and vſed as frely as of olde tyme hath ben accuſtomed. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that the kynge our ſouerayne lorde ſhall, durynge his lyfe naturall, haue full power and auctoritie by his proclamations, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his great ſeale, and enrolled in his courte of chaunceric, from tyme to tyme to repell and make voyde

as

as well the ſayd article conteyned and ſpecified in the ſayd acte made for to reſtrayne of the bryngynge in of wynes afore the feaſt of the Purification of our lady, as all other ſuche actes & ſtatutes in parte or in the hole, whiche hath ben made ſyth the begynnynge of this preſent parliament for the reſtreynt or lette of any cõmodities of this realme, or of other the kynges dominions to be conueyed & vttered to and in any outwarde parties, realmes, or countrees, or for reſtreynt and lette of any commodities or marchaundiſe of outwarde parties, realmes, or countrees to be conueyed brought & vttered to or in this realme, or els where within the kynges dominions: And by lyke proclamations from tyme to tyme, ſhall haue power and auctorite to reuyue and make effectual the ſayd ſtatutes and actes agayne in theyr force ſtrengthe and effecte in all or ſuche parte therof, as to his maieſtie ſhall be thought moſte conuenyent and profytable for his realme. And that euery ſuche repeale abrogation & makynge voyde of any ſuche ſtatutes or actes, in parte or in the hole: And euery ſuche reuyuynge or makynge effectuall of them agayne in parte or in the hole by proclamations vnder the great ſeale, to be made and enrolled in the kynges chauncerie, as is aforeſayd, ſhall be of the ſame qualitie force ſtrengthe condition & effecte to all intentes & purpoſes, as if it had ben done with due circumſtaunces by auctorite of parliament, any thynge or thynges conteyned in any ſuche actes, or any vſage or cuſtome of this realme to the contrary hereof not withſtandynge.

¶ An acte for punyſhement of welſhemen attemptynge any aſſautes or affrayes vpon any thinhabitantes of Hereford. Glouc. and Shropſhire. cap. xi.

FOr as moche as in tymes paſte dyuerſe and ſondry the kynge our ſoueraygne lordes ſubiectes, inhabited as well in wales as in the marches of the ſame, haue here tofore vſed at ſondry tymes, when lawfull proceſſe hath ben attempted agaynſt them, or agaynſt theyr kynſemen, or frendes, for ſonderye robberyes murders or felonyes by them commytted, or for any ſuites or proceſſe of the lawe purſued or ſued agaynſt any perſone or perſones inhabitynge or dwellynge within wales, or the marches of the ſame, within the counties of Glouceſter, Salop, and Hereforde, haue layen in awayte, and ſodeynly of prepenſed malyce, haue not onely mette with the purſuers of the ſayd ſuites in the ſayd counties, and in places nere adioynynge to the ſame, but alſo haue beaten, mayhimed, greuouſly wounded, and ſomtymes murdered dyuerſe of the ſame purſuers, for the onely attemptynge & purſuynge of ſuche felons, wherby hath inſued no lyttell violation and diſturbaunce of the kynges peace, to the great diſquietynge of all the ſayd partyes, and to the ryght perylous example of all others lyke offendours. Be it therfore ordeyned eſtabliſhed and enacted by the kynges ſayd hyghnes, his lordes ſpiri-

ſpiritual & tempoꝛal, and the comons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſ...bled, and by the auctoꝛitie of the ſame, that if any maner perſon oꝛ perſons inhabited oꝛ dwellyng in Wales, oꝛ in the marches of the ſame, at any tyme here after vpon any pꝛepenſed malice, ſhall pꝛeſume to aſſaute beate hurt woũde oꝛ maihim any other the kynges ſubiectes of the ſayd counties, that then he oꝛ they ſo attemptyng, what ſo euer they be, being indicted & conuicted therof, ſhall ſuffre impꝛiſonment without redemption foꝛ the ſpace of one hole yere, in ſuche pꝛiſon oꝛ pꝛiſons as vnto the Juſtices, befoꝛe whom he oꝛ they ſhal be conuicted, ſhal be thought conuenient, with ſuche further peyne and punyſhement, as he oꝛ they ſhuld haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had oꝛ made. This acte to endure vnto the laſt daye of the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte foꝛ purgation of conuictes in Wales. ca. xii.

Where at the parliamẽt ſommoned and holden at London, the thyꝛde day of Nouembꝛe, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our ſoueraygne loꝛde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned vnto weſtminſter in the countie of Middeſex, & after diuers pꝛoꝛogations, there alſo holden the. xv. day of January, the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of our ſayd ſouerayne loꝛd kyng Henry the. viii. It was enacted amonge other, that no perſon noꝛ perſons, which from thensfoꝛth ſhuld happen to be foũde gilty after the lawes of this lande foꝛ any maner of petie treaſon, oꝛ foꝛ any wylfull murder of malice pꝛepenſed, oꝛ foꝛ robbynge of any churches, chapelles, oꝛ other holy places, oꝛ foꝛ robbyng of any perſon oꝛ perſons in their dwellyng houſes, oꝛ dwellynge place, the owner oꝛ dweller in the ſame houſe, his wyfe, his chyldꝛen, oꝛ ſeruantes then beinge within, and put in feare & dꝛede by the ſame, oꝛ foꝛ robbynge of any perſon oꝛ perſons, in oꝛ nere aboute the hygh wayes, oꝛ foꝛ wylfull burnynge of any dwellynge houſes oꝛ barnes, wherin any grayne of coꝛnes ſhulde happen to be: noꝛ any perſon oꝛ perſons beinge founde gyltie of any abettement, pꝛocurement, helpynge, mayntaynynge, oꝛ counſaylyng of oꝛ to any ſuche petie treaſons murders oꝛ felonyes, ſhuld from thensfoꝛth be admitted to the benefite of his oꝛ theyꝛ clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and ſuffre deathe in ſuche maner and fourme, as they ſhulde haue done foꝛ any the cauſes oꝛ offences aboueſayd, if they were no clerkes, ſuche as be within holy oꝛders, that is to ſaye, of the oꝛders of ſubdeacon oꝛ aboue, onely excepte. And alſo it was then and there by auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaid, further enacted, that euery ſuche perſon and perſons within ſuche oꝛders of ſubdeacon oꝛ aboue, whiche at any tyme from thensfoꝛth ſhulde be founde gyltie of any petie treaſon, oꝛ of any murder of malice pꝛepenſed, oꝛ of any of the felonies aboue reherſed, oꝛ of any acceſſarie to petie treaſon, wylfull murder, oꝛ to any other the felonyes aboue eſpecified, and admitted to his oꝛ theyꝛ clergie, and delyuered to the oꝛdinarie foꝛ the ſame, ſhulde not in any wyſe from thensfoꝛth be ſuffred to any purgation, noꝛ be ſet at liber-

tie,

tie, but remayne & abyde in perpetuall prison, vnder the keppng of the ordinarie, to whom he shulde be cõmitted & his successours, without any maner of purgation, durpng the naturall lyfe of euery suche conuict: excepte onely suche person or persons so beinge within suche holy orders, and conuicte of or for any of the offences aforesayd, & deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, do fynde two sufficient suerties by recognisance before two of the kynges Justices of his peace within the same shire, where the petie treason murder or felony, wherof he was conuicted, was cõmytted and done, wherof one of them to be of the Quorũ, that suche conuict shal be of good abering agaynst the kyng our soueraygne lorde, his lawes and subiectes, euery suche conuicte to be bounde in the somme of.xl.li. and euery his suerties in.xx.li. and that no suertie be taken, oneles suche as may dispende in landes tenementes or hereditamentes yerely aboue al charges of estate of inheritaunce of charter holde.xxvi.s.viii.d. or els be worth.xx.li. in mouable substaunce, at the tyme of the takyng of suche recognisance. And that two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, by auctoritie aforesaid, haue power & auctoritie to take suche recognisance. And that the sayd Justices, afore whome any suche recognisance shall be taken, shall certifie the same in to the kynges benche within foure monethes nexte after the takyng therof, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte. C.s. for euery defaute therof. And for as moche as there be no Justices of peace ne of the Quorum within Wales, nor in dyuers other places, cities, honours, lordshippes, and manours within the kynges dominion, where as a lorde marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie, or other officer of any suche place, citie, honour, lordshyp, or manour haue auctoritie or power, by custome or other wyse to arrayne afore hym or them any suche person or persons beinge within suche holy orders of subdeacon or aboue, for cõmittynge or doinge any of the sayd petie treasons, murders, felonyes, or any other of the sayd offences. And if it happen the same person so beinge therof arrayned to be founde gyltie, for to admytte hym to his clergie, if he pray the same before iudgement, and further to do and execute agaynst any suche offendour, beinge so arrayned before them, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of the gaole delyuerie within the shire grounde haue vsed to do by vertue of the kynges commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof euery suche person or persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, beinge conuicte of any of the sayd petie treasons, murders, felonye, or any other the sayd offences, before any lorde marcher, stewarde, lieutenaunt, deputie, or other officer within Wales, or within any other place citie honour lordeshyp or manour within the kynges dominion, where no Justices of peace be, and therevpon commytted vnto thordinarye as clerke conuicte, shall there remayne durynge the naturall lyfe of any suche conuicte: The sayd former acte and statute not withstandynge. For that there be no Justices of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the sayd petye treason murder or felonye, wherof he is so conuicted, was commytted and done, to take suertye by recognisaunce for the good aberynge of euery suche conuicte,

in

in maner & fourme as in the sayd former acte is rehersed. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall & temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that euery suche person and persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, beinge conuicte of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the sayd felonyes aboue rehersed, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wylfull murder, or to any other the sayd felonyes aboue especified before any lorde marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie, or other Justice or officer within Wales, or within any other place citie towne honour lordshyp or maner within the kynges dominion, where no Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be, and therupon the same cõuicte admitted vnto his clergie, that the same person or persons so beinge within suche holy orders, and conuicte before any suche lorde marcher Stewarde Lieutenaunt deputie or other iustice or officer in Wales, or within any suche place citie towne honour lordshyp or maner within any the kynges dominion, where be no iustices of the peace and of the Quorum, of or for any of the offences aforesayd, and delyuered vnto the ordinarie as clerke conuicte for the same, shall or may fynde two suerties by recognisaunce for his good aberynge before two of the kynges Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, in the shyre where the same conuicte is or shall be kepte in the ordinaries prison, if the same prison be within the shire groũde, where iustices of the peace and of the Quorum be, or els before two of the kynges iustices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum in the nexte shyre adioynynge vnto the same prison: And that the same two Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, to haue power and auctoritie to take suche recognisance, and to certifie the same in lyke maner and fourme, and vpon like peyne as it shulde or ought to haue ben done by vertue of the sayd former acte, if the same petie treason murder felonye or other offence, of or for whiche any suche conuicte was or shall be so conuicte and admitted vnto his clergie, as is aforesayd, had ben commytted and done within the shyre grounde, where iustices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

¶ An acte wherby dyuers offences be made high treason, and takynge away all seyntuaries for all maner of high treasons. cap. xiii.

FOr as moche as it is moste necessarie bothe for cõmune policie and duetie of subiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite prouyde restreyne and extincte all maner of shamefull sclaunders perils or imminent daunger or daũgers, whiche myght growe happen or ryse to theyr soueraygne lorde the kynge, the quene, or theyr heires, whiche whan they be herd sene or vnderstande, can not be but odible and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true & louynge subiectes, if in any poynt they may do or shall touche the kynge, his quene, theyr heires or successours, vpon whiche dependeth the hole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this

this realme, without prouidynge wherfore to great a scope of vnreasonable libertie shulde be gyuen to all cankarde and trayterous hartes, wyllers and workers of the same. And also the kynges louynge subiectes shulde not declare vnto their soueraygne lorde nowe beinge, whiche vnto them hath ben and is moste entierly bothe beloued & estemed, their vndoubted synceritie & trouthe. Be it therfore enacted by the assent and consent of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the lordes spirituall & temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons after the first daye of Februarye nexte comynge, do maliciously wysshe wyll or desyre by wordes or writynge, or by crafte imagen, inuent, practise, or attempte any bodyly harme to be done or committed to the kynges most royall person, the quene, or their heires apparant, or to depriue them or any of them, of the dignitie tytle or name of their royall estates, or sclaunderously & maliciously publyshe and pronounce by expresse writynge or wordes, that the kyng our soueraygne lorde shuld be heretike, scismatike, tyraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crowne, or rebelliously do deteyne kepe or withholde from our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heires or successours, any of his or their castels, fortresses, fortylesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, or marches, or rebelliously deteyne kepe or withholde from the kynges sayd highnes, his heires or successours any of his or their shyppes, ordinaunces, artillary, or other munitions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render & gyue vp to our sayd soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, or to suche psons as shall be deputed by them, suche castels, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shyppes, ordinaunces, artillary, & other munitions, and fortifications of warre, rebelliously kepte or deteined, within .vi. dayes next after they shall be cõmaunded by our said soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, by open proclamation vnder the great seale: That then euery suche person & persons so offendynge in any the premisses, after the sayd first daye of Februarye, their aydours, counseyllours, consentours, and abbettours, beinge therof lawfully conuicte, accordynge to the lawes and customes of this realme, shall be adiudged traytours, and that euery suche offence in any the premisses, that shall be cõmitted or done after the sayd first day of Februarye, shall be reputed accepted and adiudged high treason: And the offendours therin, and their aydours consentours counseyllours and abbettours beinge lawfully conuicte of any suche offence, as is aforesayd, shall haue & suffre suche peynes of dethe, and other penalities, as is limitted and accustomed in cases of high treason.

¶ And to thintent that all treasons shuld be the more dred hated & detested to be done by any person or persons, and also bycause it is a great boldnes and an occasion to yll disposed persons to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes and enterprises, whiche all trewe subiectes ought to study to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that none offendour in any kyndes of hygh treasons, what so euer they be, their aydours consentours counseyllours nor abbettours shall be admytted to haue the

benefite or priuilege of any maner of seyntuarie, consideringe that matters of treasons toucheth so nygh bothe the suertie of the kynge our soueraygne lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do cõmytte or practise out of the lymittes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any suche offences, whiche by this act are made, or heretofore haue be made treason, that then suche treasons what so euer they be, or where so euer they shall happen so to be done or cõmitted, shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue good & lawfull men, vpon good & probable euidence and wytnes in suche shyre & countie of this realme, and before suche persons, as it shall please the kynges hyghnes to appoynt by cõmission vnder his great seale, in like maner & fourme as treasons cõmytted within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquired of and presented, and that vpon euery inditement & presentment founden and made of any suche treasons, and certified into the kynges benche, lyke proces & other circumstaunce shall be there had and made agaynst the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had be lawfully founde to be done and cõmitted within the lymittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarye hereafter to be made and had within this realme, agaynst any offendours in treason, beinge resiaunt or inhabited out of the lymittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the see, at the tyme of the outlarie pronoũced agaynst them, shall be as good and as effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if suche offendours had be resydent and dwellynge within this realme, at the tyme of suche proces awarded and outlarye pronounced.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery offender and offenders beinge hereafter laufully conuicte of any maner of high treasons by presentment confession verdicte or proces of outlarye, accordynge to the due course and custome of the common lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfayte to the kynges highnes his heires and successours, all suche landes tenementes & hereditamentes, whiche any suche offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any tyght tytle or meanes within this realme of England, or els where within any the kinges dominions, at the tyme of any suche treason commytted, or any tyme after. Saynge to euery person and persons, theyr heires and successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, their heires and successours, and suche person and persons, as clayme to any their vses, all suche tyghtes tytles interestes possessions leases rentes offices & other profites, whiche they shall haue at the daye of commyttynge suche treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nomination and consecration of suffragans within this realme. cap. xiiii.

ALL be it that sythen the begynnynge of this present parliament, good and honourable ordynaunces and statutes haue ben made and esta-

blysshed

blyſſhed for elections preſentations conſecrations and inueſtyng of archebyſhoppes and byſhoppes of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions, with all ceremonyes apperteynynge vnto the ſame, as by ſondry ſtatutes therof made more at large is ſpecified: yet neuertheleſſe no prouiſion hytherto hath ben made for ſuffragans, whiche haue ben accuſtomed to be had within this realme for the more ſpedy adminiſtration of the ſacramentes and other good holſome & deuoute thynges, and laudable ceremonyes, to the encreaſe of goddis honour, and for the cõmoditie of good & deuout people. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliamẽt, that the townes of Thetford, Ippeſwiche, Colcheſter, Douer, Gylford, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesbury, Molton, Marlebourghe, Bedford, Leiceſter, Gloceſter, Shrewelburye, Brystowe, Penrethe, Brydgewater, Nottyngham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntyngdon, Cambridge, and the townes of Pereth and Berwyke, ſaynct Germaynes in Cornewall, and the Iſle of wight, ſhall be taken & accepted for ſees of byſhops ſuffragans to be made in this realme and in Wales, and the byſhops of ſuche ſees ſhal be called ſuffragans of this realme. And that euery archebyſhop & byſhop of this realme and of Wales, and els where within the kynges dominions, beinge diſpoſed to haue any ſuffragane, ſhall & may at their liberties name and electe, that is to ſay, euery of them for their peculier dioceſe, two honeſt and diſcrete ſpiritual perſons, beinge lerned and of good conuerſation, and thoſe two perſons ſo by them to be named, ſhall preſent to the kinges highnes by their writyng vnder their ſeales, makyng humble requeſt to his maieſtie, to gyue to one ſuche of the ſayd two perſons, as ſhall pleaſe his maieſtie, ſuche tytle name ſtyle & dignitie of byſhop of ſuche of the ſees aboue eſpecified, as the kynges highnes ſhall thinke moſt cõuenient for the ſame. And that the kinges maieſtie vpon euery ſuche preſentation, ſhall haue full power & auctoritie to gyue to one of thoſe two perſons, ſo to his highnes to be preſented, the ſtyle tytle and name of a byſhop of ſuche of the ſees afore ſayd, as to his maieſtie ſhall be thought moſte conuenient & expedient, ſo it be within the ſame prouince, wherof the byſſhop that dothe name hym is. And that euery ſuche perſon, to whom the kynges hyghnes ſhall gyue any ſuche ſtyle & tytle, of any of the ſees afore named, ſhall be called byſhop ſuffragane of the ſame ſee: wherunto he ſhall be named. And after ſuche tytle ſtyle and name ſo gyuen, as is aforeſayd, the kynges maieſtie ſhall preſent euery ſuche perſon by his letters patẽtes vnder his great ſeale, to the archebyſhop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Canturbury, and lykewyſe to the archebyſhop of Yorke, if the towne wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Yorke, ſignifieng and declarynge by the ſame letters patentes, the name of the perſon preſented, and the ſtyle & tytle of dignitie of byſhoprиche, wherunto he ſhall be nominated: requiringe the ſame archebyſhop, to whom ſuche letters patentes ſhall be directed, to cõſecrate the ſayd perſon ſo nominate & preſented, to the ſame name tytle ſtyle & dignitie of byſhop: that he ſhall be nominate & pre-

ſented vnto, and to gyue hym all ſuche conſecratiõs benedictions & ceremonies, as to the degre and office of a byſhop ſuffragan ſhall be requiſite.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayd, that all & euery ſuche perſon and perſons, as ſhall be nominated elected pꝛeſented and conſecrate, as is afoꝛe reherſed, ſhal be taken accepted and reputed, in al degrees and places, accoꝛdinge to the ſtyle tytle name and dignitie that he ſhall be ſo pꝛeſented vnto, and haue ſuche capacitie power & auctoꝛitie, honour, pꝛeeminence, and reputation, in as large and ample maner in and concernyng the execution of ſuche commiſſion, as by any of the ſayd archebyſſhops oꝛ byſſhops within theyꝛ dioces ſhall be gyuen to the ſayd ſuffragans, as to ſuffragans of this realme heretofoꝛe hath ben vſed and accuſtomed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayd, that euery archebiſhop of this realme, to whom any the kynges letters patentes in the caſes afoꝛe reherſed, ſhall be directed, hauyng no lawfull impediment, ſhall perfoꝛme & accomplyſhe the effectes & contentes of this acte within the tyme of .iii. monethes next after ſuche letters patẽtes ſhall come to their handes, any vſage cuſtomes foꝛeyn lawes pꝛiuileges pꝛeſcriptions oꝛ other thynge oꝛ thynges heretofoꝛe vſed had oꝛ done to the contrary hereof not withſtandynge.

¶ Pꝛouided alwayes, that no ſuche ſuffragans, whiche ſhall be made and conſecrate by vertue & auctoꝛitie of this acte, ſhall take oꝛ percepue any maner of pꝛofites of the places & ſees, wherof they ſhall be named, noꝛ vſe haue oꝛ execute any iuriſdiction oꝛ epiſcopall power oꝛ auctoꝛitie within their ſayd ſees, noꝛ within any dioces oꝛ place of this realme, oꝛ els where within the kynges dominions, but only ſuche pꝛofites iuriſdiction power & auctoritie, as ſhal be licenced & limitted to them to take do & execute by any archbyſhop oꝛ byſhop of this realme within their dioces, to whom they ſhall be ſuffragans by their cõmiſſion vnder their ſeales. And that euery archbiſhop and byſhop of this realme, foꝛ their owne peculier dioces, may & ſhall gyue ſuche cõmiſſion oꝛ cõmiſſions to euery ſuche byſhop ſuffragan, as ſhal be ſo conſecrate by auctoꝛitie of this acte, as hath ben accuſtomed foꝛ ſuffragans heretofoꝛe to haue, oꝛ els ſuche cõmiſſion as by them ſhal be thought requiſite reaſonable & conuenient. And that no ſuche ſuffragan ſhall vſe any iuriſdiction oꝛdinary, oꝛ epiſcopal power, otherwiſe noꝛ longer tyme than ſhal be limitted by ſuch cõmiſſion to hym to be giuen as is afoꝛeſaid, vpon peyne to incurre into the peynes loſſes foꝛfaitures and penalties mencioned in the ſtatute of pꝛouiſions, made in the .xvi. yere of kynge Richarde the ſeconde.

¶ Pꝛouided alwayes, that the byſhop that ſhall nominate the ſuffragan to the kynges highnes, oꝛ the ſuffragan hym ſelfe that ſhall be nominate, ſhall pꝛouide two byſſhoppes oꝛ ſuffraganes to conſecrate hym with the archebyſſhop, and ſhall beare their reaſonable coſtes.

¶ Pꝛouided alſo that the reſidence of hym that ſhall be ſuffragan ouer the dioces, where he ſhall haue commiſſion, ſhall ſerue hym foꝛ his reſidence as ſufficiently, as if he were reſident vpon any other his benefice, any acte here tofoꝛe made to the contrary not withſtandynge.

Be it

¶Be it further enacted, that all ſuche ſuffraganes, as ſhall hereafter exercile thoffices afoꝛeſaid, by the cõmiſſion of the biſhop, foꝛ the better mayntenaunce of his dignitie, may haue two benefices, with cure, any foꝛmer acte made to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶An acte foꝛ takynge awaye certayne exactions taken within the archedeaconrye of Rychemonde by ſpirituall men. cap.xv.

FOꝛ as moche as dyuers & many the kyng our ſouerayne loꝛdes ſubiectes, inhabited within the archedeaconrye of Richemonde, in the countie of Yoꝛke, be and of longe tyme haue ben ſoꝛe and greuouſly exacted and impoueryſhed by the perſons vicars and others ſuche as haue benefices and ſpirituall pꝛomotiõs within the ſame, as by takyng of euery perſon, when he dyeth, in the name of a penſion oꝛ of a poꝛcion, ſomtyme the nynth parte of all his goodes and cattals, and ſomtyme the thyꝛde parte, to the open and manyfeſt impoueryſhyng of moſte parte of all the kynges pooꝛe ſubiectes, inhabited & deceaſyng within the ſame. Wherfoꝛe be it oꝛdeyned enacted and eſtabliſhed by the kyng our ſouerayne loꝛde, the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and the cõmons in this pꝛeſent parliamẽt aſſembled, and by the auctoꝛitie of the ſame, that from the feaſt of ſaynt Marke the euangelyſt nexte cõmynge, no maner of ſpirituall perſon oꝛ others nowe haupynge, oꝛ that from the ſayd feaſt ſhall haue any maner of benefice, oꝛ other ſpirituall pꝛomotion within the ſayd archedeaconrye, ſhall in no wyſe aſke leuye demaunde oꝛ take, after the diſceaſſe of any perſon oꝛ perſons, any ſuche penſions oꝛ poꝛcions, noꝛ any other demaũde oꝛ duetie, in the name oꝛ lue of the ſame, vpon peyne to incurre ſuche daungers foꝛfaytures & penalities, as be conteyned in the ſtatute of pꝛouiſours, made in the.xxv.yere of the reygne of your moſte noble pꝛogenitour kynge Edwarde the thyꝛde: But that all & euery the kynges ſubiectes of the ſayd archedeaconry, & their executours & adminiſtratours, from henſfoꝛth ſhall be oꝛdꝛed entreated and vſed foꝛ their goodes and cattalles after their deceaſſe, in lyke maner fourme oꝛder and condicion, as is conteyned in the ſtatute made in the.xxi.yere of your moſte noble and victoꝛious reygne foꝛ pꝛobate of teſtamentes, and none otherwyſe, any vſe cuſtome bull compoſition pꝛeſcription oꝛ oꝛdinaunce heretofoꝛe had obteyned oꝛ vſed to the contrary, within the foꝛeſayd archedeaconry, in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶An acte foꝛ makynge of woꝛſtedes in the citie of Noꝛwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and yarmouth. cap.xvi.

WHere at a parliament holden at London the.xv.daye of Apꝛyll, in the.xiiii.yere of the reygne of our ſouerayne loꝛde the kyng that nowe is, and from thens adiourned to weſtmynſter, the laſt daye of July, in the.xv.yere of our ſayd ſouerayne loꝛde,

and there ended: It was ordeined enacted & eſtabliſhed, that the craftis men called worſtede weuers, inhabited in the towne of great yermouthe, ſhulde haue power & auctoritie by that acte from thens forwarde, to electe & chose yerely for euer, on the munday ne. te after the feaſt of Pentecoſt, one honeſt man of the myſtery & occupation of worſtede weuers, beinge an houſe holder within the ſayd towne of great yermouthe, and haupnge of his proper goodes and cattals to the value of.x.li. at the leaſt, or landes & tenementes to his owne vſe of eſtate of free holde at the leaſt, to the clere yerely value of xx.s. to be wardeyn of the ſame crafte & myſtery of worſtede weuers for the yere nexte enſuing, whiche man ſo elected & choſen, ſhuld perſonally appere before the mayre of the citie of Norwiche for the tyme beinge, the mundaye nexte after the feaſt of corpus Chriſti, then nexte enſuinge, then and there to be ſworne and charged by lyke othe, concernynge the true and ſubſtantiall makynge of worſtedes ſayes and ſtampnes within the ſayd towne of great yermouth, as the.iiii. wardeyns of the ſayd citie of Norwiche, by vertue of any acte of parliament, made in the.vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, were charged & ſworne for the ſame citie of Norwiche. And if the ſaid mayre happened to be abſent the ſaid munday next after corpus Chriſti, or els they refuſed to receiue or take the ſayd othe, then the ſaid wardeyn ſo electe within.iiii. dayes nexte after the ſame munday, ſhulde come before the bayliffes of the ſayd towne of great yermouthe, for the tyme beinge, or before one of them, the other beinge abſent, and then and there receyue a corporall othe for the true exerciſing of the ſame office of wardeynſhyp, after the tenour of the othe accuſtomably vſed to be gyuen to the ſayd wardeyns of the ſayd citie of Norwiche, and then the ſayd wardeyn of the ſayd towne of great yermouth for the tyme beinge, ſo electe and ſworne, myght ordeyne & appoynt a ſeale with this letter, y, to be grauen in the ſame ſeale, and myght haue full power and auctoritie to viewe ſerche ſeale and ſeale in leade with the ſame ſeale, ſo to be appoynted and engrauen, and none other, all worſtedes ſayes and ſtampnes within the ſayd towne of yermouth, & ſubbarbes of the ſame, made or to be made, & not els where, in as large & ample maner as the ſayd wardeyns of the ſayd citie of Norwiche, and the wardeyns of the countie of Norffolke or any of them, had within the ſayd citie or countie, or in any wiſe may do in that behalfe by auctoritie or vertue of the afore remembred acte, made in the ſayd ſeuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, any thynge in the ſame conteyned to the contrarye therof not withſtandynge. And that no perſon inhabited within the ſayd towne of great yermouthe or ſubbarbes therof, ſhulde weaue any worſtedes, ſayes, or ſtampnes, within the ſame towne, excepte he be an englyſheman borne, and had ben a prentyſe to the ſayd occupation, & without he weaued there ſuche proper markes as ſhulde be lymitted and appoynted by the ſayd wardeyne of the ſayd towne for the tyme beinge, electe and ſworne as is aforeſayd, vpon peyne of forfayture therof to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the ſayd towne ſhuld lymitte diſtincte and ſeuer all markes to euery of the ſayd

worſtede

worstede weauers of the same towne of greatte yarmouthe, and the same markes by the sayd wardeyne to be registred in a boke.

¶And also it was further enacted, that if and when so euer the towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with.x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders, exercisinge and vsynge the sayd crafte or mystery of worsted weauers, then and from thensforthe, that is to saye, as longe as the same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with the nombre of.x. suche householders at the least, it shulde be lefull to the same inhabitauntes of the sayd towne of Lynne, yerely in the mundaye nexte after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one wardeyn of the sayd crafte and mystery of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesayd of the wardeyns of yarmouthe, whiche wardeyne so electe, shulde yerely be sworne and charged at the sayd citie of Norwiche, in lyke maner and at lyke day, as is before lymitted to the wardeyns of yarmouth, or in defaute of the sayd mayre of Norwiche, then the sayd wardeyne so to be electe for the sayd towne of Lynne, to take a corporall othe before the mayre of the sayd towne, within suche tyme, and after suche forme as is before lymitted vnto the said wardeyne of yarmouthe. And that the sayd wardeyne of the sayd towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge so electe and sworne by hym selfe, myght ordeyne and appoynt a seale with this letter, L, to be grauen in the seale, and myght haue full power and auctoritie, to viewe serche seale and seale in leade with the same seale so to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and stampnes, within the said towne of Lynne and subbarbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the sayd wardeyne of the sayd citie of Norwiche, and wardeyne of the sayd countie of Norffolke, or any of them, had within the sayd citie or countie, or other wise myght do by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesayd acte, made in the sayd seuenth yere of kyng Edward the fourth, any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶And that no person inhabited within the sayd towne of Lynne or subbarbes therof, shuld make any worstedes says or stampnes within the same towne, excepte he were englysshe borne, and had ben apprentice to the same occupation, and without he weaued therin suche proper marke, as shulde be lymitted & appoynted by the sayd wardeyns of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme being, vpon peyne of forfayture therof to the kynge our souerayne lorde. And that euery wardeyn of the sayd towne, shulde lymitte distinct and seuer all markes to euery of the sayd worstede weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd wardeyn to be registred in a boke.

¶And it was further enacted, that from the feast of sayncte Michaell tharchaungell then next folowing, vnto suche tyme as the sayd towne of Lynne shuld be inhabited with the sayd nombre of.x. householders of the sayd craft of worsted weauers, and alwayes after when the nombre of.x. householders shulde happen to fayle and not be inhabited in the sayd towne of Lynne, the sayd wardeynes of the sayd citie of Norwiche and their successours, shulde

procure & cause one of them selfes or one of the wardeyns of the sayd crafte of the sayd countie of Norffolke, personally to come & be euery.xxviii. daye from and after the sayd feast of saynct Michaell the archaungell in and to the sayd towne of Lynne, or within.vi.dayes nexte after euery suche.xxviii. daye, and there to contynue and abyde by so longe tyme, as he myght serche and seale all suche worstedes sayes and stampnes, made in the same towne of Lynne, as then shulde be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole daye. And the sayd inhabitantes of worstede weauers of the same towne of Lynne beinge, shulde content and paye to the sayd wardeynes of Norwiche or Norf. whiche shulde so come to Lynne, in the sayd.xxviii.day, or within the.vi.dayes nexte after the.xxviii.daye, for his costes and expences for euery tyme that he shulde so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of saynct Michaell the archaungell, and the Annunciation of our lady saynct Marye.iii.s. and for euery tyme that he shulde so come to the sayd towne of Lynne, betwene the feest of the Annunciation of our lady, and the feast of saynct Michaell the archaungell.ii.s. And if the sayd inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayd towne of Lynne dyd not content and paye to the sayd wardeyne, commynge to Lynne in fourme aforesayd, for his sayd costes and charges, the sayde.iii.s. or.ii.s. as is aboue lymitted, than the same inhabitauntes shulde forfayte and paye to the sayd wardeyne, or to his executours for euery suche defaute of payment.xl.s. And if none of the sayd wardeynes of Norwiche and Norf. come to the sayd towne of Lynne, for the cause aforesayd, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayd wardeynes of the sayd citie of Norwiche shulde forfayte and paye to the sayd inhabitauntes of Lynne of the sayd mysterye of worstede weauers, for euery suche defaulte.xl.s. for recompence of the penaltye and forfaytes, the sayd wardeynes of Norwiche or Norf. beinge therunto intytled by that acte by his proper name, with this addition, that is to saye, *vnius gardianorum*, or *Nuper vnius gardianorum, artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei vocat. vvorsted. in ciuitate Norvvici. vel com. Norff.* as the truthe requireth, shulde and myght haue action of dette by writte byll or playnte in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme, agaynst the inhabitauntes of Lynne of the sayd mysterye for the tyme beinge, by their sondrye proper names, and the sayd inhabitauntes by their sayd names, with this addition, *Textorum panni lanei vocat. vvorst. inhabitantes ville de Lynne*, shulde and myght haue lyke action of dette agaynst the sayd wardeyns of Norwiche, by the name of *Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum, vocat. vvorsted. infra ciuitatem Norvvici vel com. Norff.* to be vsed to good congruities of latyne, and fourme of the lawes of this realme, in whiche actions or any of them, none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shulde be suffered or allowed. And that the particular bodyes or goodes of any of the sayd wardeynes or inhabitauntes, beinge condempned in any of the sayd actions, shulde and myght be put in execution, after suche maner and fourme, as is vsed in an action of dette by course of the common lawe of this realme.

And

¶And more ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of worstedes sayes and stamyns, made within any of the sayd townes of Lynne and greate yermouth or subbarbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with suche markes, as shuld be limitted to the markers, by the sayd wardens of the sayd town, in maner and fourme as is aboue said, and viewed and sealed by any of the sayde wardeynes of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe, in fourme remembred, by force and vertue of the sayde acte, myght be laufully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge or sealynge vpon the same clothes, or vppon any of them to be had or made, of or vpon any of the sayd clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, any thynge conteyned in the sayde. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes man of the said misterie and occupation of worstede makynge, dwellynge within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, at theyr owne free willes and liberties from thensforth for euer, myght haue and take apprentice or appentices, beinge male of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde, and beinge the kynges naturall subiectes, for terme of. vii. yeres, and not vnder, soo that none of them excede the numbre of two at ones, to lerne vse and exercyse the sayde crafte within eyther of the sayd two townes of Lynne and greate yarmouth, and subbarbes of the same: all be it the father of the sayde apprentice or apprencices myght not expend in landes or tenementes, to the yerely value of twentie shyllinges: any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made not withstandynge.

¶Prouided alwaye that the same acte, or any thynge therein conteyned, shoulde not in any wyse be hurtefull or preiudiciall to the maire of Norwyche, or to his successour, or to the wardeynes of the sayde citie or countie, or to theyr successoures, in any poynte or article power or auctorite, other then for weaynge, serchynge, and sealynge of worstedes sayes and stamynes, made or to be made onely within the said townes of Lynne and yermouthe, or subbarbes of the same, or to any of them, and for lympttynge of markes, to the makers of worstedes, sayes, and stamynes, onely inhabited in eyther of the said townes or subbarbes therof, and takyng of apprentices in forme aboue remembred: but that the sayde mayre of the sayde citie of Norwyche, and wardens of the same citie and countie, and euery of them, myght haue and vse all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well for the serche sealynge correction and reformation of the sayde wardeynes, newely to be elected by the vertue of the same acte, and euery of theym, accordynge and after suche fourme as they myght do or vse any of the sayde wardeynes of the sayde cytye or countye, by force of the sayde acte, made in the sayde. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the iiii. as all and euery other inqueryes, corrections serches sealynges and reformations to be hadde for the trewe makynge of worstedes, sayes, and stamyns,

myns, in and vpon any person or persones, as well within the sayd townes of Lynne and yermouth, as without, without trouble lette or veration of any of the inhabytantes of the sayde towne, in as large and ample wise, as they might haue done before the makynge of the sayd acte, any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶And also it was further prouided and enacted, that the sayd craftes men of worsted weauers, inhabyted or after that to be inhabyted within eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and yermouth or subbarbes of the same, and the marchauntes, or any other person or persons, whiche shulde happen to bye of the same craftes men, or any of them, or any other person, any of the said clothes of worstedes says or stamins, made or to be made within either of the sayd townes of Lynne and yermouth, and seled by the sayd wardens of the same townes, to be electe and swore, as is aforesaid, and any of them shuld not there dye or put in colour, or calender any worstedes stampynes or sayes, made, or after that to be made within eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, in any other place or places, but onely within the sayde citie of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same, vpon peyne of forfayture of euery pece of worstedes sayes or stampyns, to be made within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe or subbarbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, dyed, coloured, or kalendred by any of the sayde craftes men, biers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the sayde cytie of Norwyche, or subbarbes of the same, The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our souerayn lord, & the other halfe therof to suche persone or persones, as shulde sease the same, so that the saide worstedes brought to the sayde citie of Norwiche to be shorne dyed colored and kalendred, without coupne or crafte of any of the sayde inhabytauntes and marchantes, myght be shorne dyed colored and kalendred at and by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wyse, as the sayde inhabitauntes of eyther of the sayd townes of Lynne and yarmouth, and marchantes byers of the sayd worstedes, or other of the sayde citie and countie, had had in tymes paste, or after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabytauntes and marchantes and euery of them so bryngyng the sayde worstedes to the same citie to be shorne died coloured and calendred, were reasonably and laufully intreated accordynge to the sayde acte, made in the sayde. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. and the ordinance made and affirmed, or therafter to be made and affirmed for the sayd mistery, without let or disturbaunce, contrary to the same acte or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

¶And it was further enacted, that no persone or persones, any tyme after that shulde conuey or transporte in to any of the parties of beyonde the see, any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes were shorne died coloured and kalendred, vpon peyne of forfayture the valué therof: the one halfe to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other halfe therof to the partie that wyl sue therfore, by action or playnt of det in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche action or suite no protecton or essoine shuld be alowed, nor the

defendour

defendour admitted to wage his lawe, as by the sayde act therof made more playnly appereth: whiche acte was made to endure vnto the nexte parlyament, wherby it is nowe expired, in consideration wherof, and for as moche as the same act is a good and necessarie acte for the true makinge of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of the sayde townes of yermouthe and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, that the same act, and euery acticle sentence and prouision therin conteyned, shal from hensforth be continued and stande for euer in full strength and vertue.

¶An act that no fermours of spirituall persõs shalbe compelled or charged to pay for their lessours first fruites or yeres pension for the tenth graunted to the kynges hyghnes. Cap. xviii.

FOr certayne reasonable and vrgent considerations, mouyng the kynges most hygh courte of parlyament, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of the same, that all and syngular fermours and lessees of any manours, lordshyppes, londes, tenementes, or other heredytamentes, personages, vicarages, portions of tithes, or other what so euer profyttes or commodities, belongynge to any archebyshoppe, byshoppe, or other prelate or spirituall person or persons, or spirituall body corporate or politique, wherof any fyrst fruites or yerely pension of the tenthe parte, is graunted to the kyng our soueraigne lord in this presente session of the sayde courte of parlyament, shall be dyscharged and not chargeable to paye to our sayde soueragne lorde of his or theyr proper money coste or charge, for or in dyscharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunte, bargayne, bonde, condition, clause of reentre, or other thynge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the sayde lessours and owners, and theyr successours, shall be charged and chargeable to paye and satisfie the same of his or their proper coste and charge, to the kynge our soueragne lord, his heires & successours, accordynge to the graunte therof: any couenant, bargayne, contract, bond, condicion, clause of reentre, or other thyng heretofore made or concluded to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶An act concernynge the kynges generall and free pardone graunted by his highnes. Cap. xviii.

THE KYNGES MOSTE ROYALL magestye, prudentely consyderynge, that all be it his hyghnes of his most excellent pyty benygnytie and mercy, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercyfully and lyberally hath graunted his most gracious free and generall pardone, to all and syngular his subiectes,

iectes, by the which his magestie hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substaunce and profytes, whiche he mought haue laufully takē and had by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trustinge by his often remission pardone and mercy, ministred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they wold put theyr diligent deuoires to amende and refourme their abuses, yet neuertheles his louing and obedient subiectes, sythen his last most gracious and liberall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalites losses forfaitures and damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make ful recompence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiestie shuld procede agaynst them by dewe course of his lawes, trustynge that nowe from hensforth they wyll eftsones amende and beware the incurrynge of the forsaide daungers and perilles, seinge they haue had so many admonicions and gentill warninges: And perceyuinge also the great zele and affection, whiche his louynge subiectes beare vnto hym and his dignity royal, as by many wayes in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trusting as afore, the kynges highnes to shewe vnto his louynge subiectes, that he bothe can and wyll consider, when he is both kindly and louyngly handled of them, vpon his mere mocion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his Nobilitie and subiectes, accordyng to his accustomable goodnes, is contented and pleased at this tyme to extende his pitie mercy and benignitie to all and synguler his subiectes of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Iernesey and Garnesey, Barwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by way of his free pardon and remission, as hereafter foloweth, rather coueytinge their amendmentes by gentyll, and merciful meanes, then to be enriched by theyr euyll dedes and offences. And for that his sayde free pardone and remissiō to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this presente acte, his grace is fullye and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyament, in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to saye: that all and euery of his sayde subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall of this his realme of England, Wales, the said Iles of Iernesey, and Garnesey, Berwik, & Caleis, and the marches of the same, the heires successours executours and admynystratours of them & of euery of them, and all and synguler bodies in any maner of wyse corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hūdredis, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages and tithinges, and of euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parlyament acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged ayenst the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours and executours and euery of theym, of all maner felonies offences contemptes trespasses, wronges deceiptes mysdemeanours forfaytures penalities and profyttes, sommes of money, peynes of deathe, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally of al other thynges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, & executions

cutions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, whiche may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the. iii. daye of the moneth of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yere of his moste noble raygne, to euery or any of his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, boroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hūdredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges, or to any of them.

¶ And also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that his sayd free pardon shalbe as good & effectual in the lawe to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, & to euery of them by the sayd general wordes before rehersed, in and ageinst al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present acte excepted, as the same pardon shulde haue ben, if al offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suytes, quarels, iudgementes, executions, penalities, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, syngularly, specially, and plainely named rehersed aud specified, and also pardoned by proper & expresse wordes & names in theyr kindes natures & qualities, by wordes and termes thervnto requisite, to haue ben put & expressed in this present act of free pardone: And that his sayde subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the sayde bodies corporate & others before named, or any of them, be nor shall be sued vexed or inquieted, in theyr bodies goodes landes or cattalles for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemenour, forfayture, trespas, offēce, or any other thing suffred done or commytted before the saide thirde day of Nouember, ageinst his hyghnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogatife, lawe or statutes: but onely for suche matters, causes & offēces, as be plainly rehersed in the exceptions in this present act hereafter mencioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or presidēt heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ Also the kynges hyghnes of his bounteous lyberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parliament graunteth and freely gyuethe to euery of his sayde subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattals, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerceamentes, forfaytures, and sommes of moneye, by any of them forfayted: whiche to his highnes do or shulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence contempte trespace mysdemeanour matter cause or quarell, suffred done or committed by them or any of them, before the sayde thyrde daye of Nouember, whiche be not hereafter playnely forprysed and excepted in this present acte. And that all and euerye the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and synguler bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, may by him or them selfe, or his or their depute or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneyes, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and mynister this present act of free pardon for his or theyr dyscharge of and for euery thynge, that is by vertue of this presente acte pardoned, discharged, gyuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thynge in any wyse payenge

to any

to any person or persons for writinge or entree of any suche pleadyng of the sayde pardone, or for entree of the iudgemente, or other cause concernynge suche plee, writynge, or entree, but onely. xii. d. to be payed to the officer or clerke that shal entre the plee matter or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And ferthermore the kynges hyghnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that his sayde free pardon by the general wordes before rehersed, shal be reputed demed and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his lawes, and elles where as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forprises specified in this present act, as in all and syngular other clauses wordes and sentences, mencioned and rehersed in the sayde free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler his sayde subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, and most strongely in barre and discharge agaynste his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thynge, without any obstacle, ambiguitie, chalenge, or other delaye what so euer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleged by the king our soueraygne lorde, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall atturney or atturneys, or by any other persō or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

¶ And ferthermore it is enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his hyghe courtes, commenly called the kynges benche, Chauncerie and commen place, or of his escheker, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, at any tyme after the feaste of Epiphanie of our lorde god nexte comynge, make out or write out any maner writtes or other proces, or any extreates sommons or other preceptes, wherby any of the sayd subiectes, or any of the sayd bodies corporate, or others before rehersed, or any of them, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreined, sommoned, or other wise vexed inquieted or greued, in his or theyr bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or bycause of any maner of thynge pardoned or dyscharged by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offendinge, and therof lawfully condempned, shal yeld and pay for recompence therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble damages (accompted as parcell of these damages al costes of the suite) And neuer the les al and singuler suche writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardone, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ EXCEPTED alway, & forprised out of the sayd free pardon al maner of hyghe treasons, and myspryslions of highe treasons, and all suites punishementes forfaytures and penalities for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepensed and voluntary murders, al robberyes of churches, and robberies done vpon mens parsons, all other felonies and robberies by the cōmon lawe, of felonous takynge of any money goodes or cattalles aboue

the

the ſomme or value of. xx. s. all felonous burnynge of houſes, all rauyſhementes of women, and all and ſyngular acceſſaries to any the ſayd murders, or murderers, felonyes, robberies, brenninges, or rauiſhementes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauyſhers, al outlaries of hyghe treaſons, and of meſpriſions of highe treaſons, and all maner of felonyes, other than felonyes of the ſomme or value of twenty ſhillinges, or vnder the ſame ſome: and that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or ageynſte any perſon or perſones for any cauſe, not beinge treaſon, miſpriſion of hyghe treaſons, murder, or felony aboue the ſayde ſomme of twenty ſhyllynges, be and ſhall be pardoned by the generall wordes of this preſent acte of free pardone before witten: ſo alwayes that the ſame perſones and euery of them, ſtand to right to aunſwere or ſatiſfie the partie, at whoſe ſuite he is outlawed, accordynge to the lawes of this realme.

¶ Alſo excepted and forpriſed out of the ſayd free pardone, al and ſinguler conuictions & atteyndours of any perſon and perſons, nowe beynge or remaynyng in any conuicte priſon, or in the cuſtody of any biſhop abbot or other ſpiritual perſon, or ordinary, & euery of the ſame perſons ſo attainted or conuicted. And alſo al multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicatiõs & nigromancies, and al ſuites impeticions proceſſes and puniſhmentes for or vpon the ſame or any of them: And al titles, and actions of Quare impedit, & all rauiſhementes of the kinges wardes, al waſtes of the kynges woodes, and his foreſtes parkes or chaſes, al conceylmentes of cuſtomes and ſubſidies.

¶ And alſo excepted and forpriſed out of this pardon al incloſures and decayes of houſes of huſbandry, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effecte of any ſtatute or ſtatutes heretofore made, and alſo al iſſues profites amerciamentes fines and other penalities, whiche hereafter ſhal growe or be forfayted for any ſuche incloſures or decayes: and al intruſions had made or done into any maners londes tenementes or other hereditamentes, ſythen the feaſte of ſaynte Mychael the Archangell, whiche was in the. xxb. yere of the kynges moſt noble reygne: And al and ſinguler dettes, other then dettes growen vpon reconiſaunces, being of the ſome of fyftie poundes or vnder, and not aboue that ſomme, and beinge al redy forfayted for ſurety of the peace, or for apparance at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forpriſed out of this pardon all accomptes, and al actions ſuites and impeticions for the ſame accomptes, and arrerages of accomptes, and for the ſaid dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forpriſed: al homages and reliefes not done or not payd: all wilfull eſcapes as well of conuictes as other priſoners: and all dettes, whiche were due to the moſte noble kynge of famous memory kynge Henry the. vii. or to any perſone or perſons, to his vſe, by any condempnation, recogniſaunce, obligation, or other wiſe: al and ſinguler thoſe forfaytures beinge due to our ſoueraigne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. by any penall ſtatute or ſtatutes, which be conuerted in to the nature of dette by iudgemente, or by agrement of the offendours, before the ſayde thyrde day of Nouember: & al forfaytures and other

penalities

penalties and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is gyuen in the kynges escheker, or any suite there commensed, before the said third day of Nouember, or wherof the kynges highnes by his byl signed or other wise, here tofore hath made any gyfte or assignement to any of his seruauntes.

¶ And also excepted al issues forfayted, fines, amercyamentes, affered, tared, sette, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularly, extendynge to the some of a. C. s. or aboue that some, and that al and singuler other fines, as well fynes *pro licencia concordandi*, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particularly extende not to the sayde some of a hundred shillinges, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shyreffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be tourned in to or not in to det, and not beinge leuied nor receyued by any shireffe or shyreffes, bayliffe, mynisters, or other officers, shall be fully clerely and playnly pardoned and dyscharged ageinst the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours for euer by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in case it be objected to or ayenst any shireffe or shireffes, or other accomptantes in the kinges courte of Excheker, or in any other his courtes, that any shyreffe or shireffes, or other officers accomptante, hath receyued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present acte pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche shireffe and shyreffes and other accomptantes, shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquyted therof by his or their othe, without any ferther triall in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided alway, that this present act of fre pardon, nor any thing therin conteyned, in any wise extende to dicharge remit or acquyte any persone or persones, for any suche issues, fines, and amerciamentes of one hundreth shillinges or vnder, as any shireffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kynges Excheker or els where, and payde the same issues fynes and amerciamentes vppon his or theyr sayde accompte, determyned to the kynges vse, and haue his or theyr *Quietus est*, for the same.

THOMAS BERTHELETVS REGIVS IMPRESSOR EXCVDEBAT.